



DISCIPLES CHURCH

Membership Class Writing Your Personal Testimony

Each prospective member of Disciples Church needs to testify saving faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We ask everyone who wishes to pursue membership at Disciples Church to write out their personal testimony for the elders to review and talk through with you.

This testimony is the story of who you were before salvation in Jesus Christ, when and in what circumstances God saved you with new birth and saving faith, and what your life has been like since then.

Please consider the following when typing out your testimony:

*Please know that only the church leaders will see your testimony. Without your permission, we will not share it with others or edit it to share with a wider audience. So, please be honest and open regarding the following things related to your testimony of salvation.

- **Life before God saved you:** Describe your life prior to your new birth in Christ. What was important to you, what were you focused on, how did you struggle? Maybe include aspects of your upbringing and/or major events that defined your life in this season.
- **Circumstances surrounding God giving you new birth and saving faith:** From whom or where did you hear the gospel clearly preached or shared? Who did God use to help point you to the good news of Jesus? When did you repent from your sins and believe in Jesus alone for salvation? By what circumstances did this happen?
- **How your life has changed as a result of being born again in Jesus Christ:** Describe the difference that Christ has made in your thinking, emotions, motivations, values, and actions. What changes have you made, and what growth have you seen? Please state what assurance you have that you possess eternal life with God.
- **Specific ways Disciples Church has played a role in your growth in Christ (if you've been with us for any length of time):** What role, if any, has Disciples Church had in your conversion and faith in Jesus Christ? What role, if any, has Disciples Church had in helping you grow in your relationship with Christ and live out your faith?
- **How you are thankful to God, and what you are looking forward to**

We understand that many have not written out their testimonies before and that it can be a significant task. If you're wondering about length, often times these testimonies are between 500-1300 words (nearly a full page, up to two pages). If at any time you need help or have questions, please feel free to contact your Midweek group leader or the elders at elders@discipleschurch.com.