

## Preparation for a Baptismal Video Testimony

Prior to your Baptism, a member of the LifePointe Video Team will contact you to set up an appointment to videotape your testimony - how and when you decided to trust Christ alone for your salvation and the difference Christ has made in your life.

Most people deal with a sense of nervousness and initial concern of how they will communicate what God has done in their lives. **First**, let's remember that **God hasn't given us "a spirit of fear; but of love, power and of a sound mind."** You will be used by God simply because you sincerely desire to share what He has done for you. **Secondly, in preparation, we recommend that you write out your thoughts.** Believe that the Holy Spirit will use your thoughts and stir up memories and details that maybe you haven't thought about in a while. Each detail may be something God would like to use to touch someone else. **Then finally**, remember that **a testimony is most effective when it is from your heart.** While we give you a path to think through your personal testimony, it shouldn't be viewed as a legal thing to be bound by. It is simply a support tool to help you be the unique testimony witness that God made you. Relax and trust the Holy Spirit to use your words. Remember, God wants you to be you - that is how you will have the most impact.

### **1. What was my life like before I met Christ?**

- What common circumstances would an unbeliever identify with?
- What were your attitudes that an unbeliever would identify with?
- What was most important to you in your life before Christ? What substitute for God did you use to find meaning in your life? (Sports, success at work, marriage, sex, money, drugs, alcohol, entertainment, hobbies, etc.)

### **2. How I realized I needed Christ...**

- What significant steps led up to your conversion?
- What needs, hurts or problems made you dissatisfied with the way you were living without God?
- How did God get your attention? What motivated you?

### **3. How I committed my life to Christ...**

- Where and when did it happen?
- What specifically did you do?
- What did you say in your prayer?

### **4. The difference it has made in my life...**

- What benefits have you experienced or felt?
- What problems have been resolved?
- How has Jesus helped you change for the better?
- How has it helped your relationships?
- Can you give current examples?

**5. *How has LifePointe Church and its leadership impacted your life?***

- How did you come to LifePointe? (Personal invitation, mailer, TV commercial, etc.)
- What was LifePointe's first impression on you?
- How did the preaching messages impact you? Can you give examples?
- How do you see LifePointe changing other people's lives?
- If you were describing LifePointe to a friend, what would you say?
- What is one of the greatest things you have learned about God, life or relationships since attending LifePointe?
- What is one of your greatest experiences with God since attending LifePointe?
- Have you experienced any "miracles" since attending LifePointe?
- How would you describe the value of LifePointe to you and your family?
- What are your favorite parts of LifePointe? Why?

**If You Became a Christian as a Child But Walked Away or Never Grew Until a Deeper Recommitment as an Adult:**

Use the same four steps but start with the time just prior to your recommitment. Give some examples of how you were trying to meet your own needs without Christ but it wasn't working. Describe what caused you to realize you needed Christ directing your life and how you have made a full commitment to Him. Then explain how Jesus is currently meeting the deepest needs in your life.

**If You Became a Christian at an Early Age and Never Strayed:**

Use the same four steps with this modification: Point out some deep need or common problem that you see other people trying to resolve. Point out how unsuccessful their attempts are to meet their own need. Then explain why you never experienced that problem by trusting Christ early in life. Continue with Steps 3 and 4.