

## Series: Testimony

### *Is Testimony Talk?*

Sunday May 1, 2016

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "testimony?"
2. "Testimony is how ordinary Christians talk about God and faith when we are not in church." Thomas Long
3. Testimony is story-telling.
  - Testimony can be personal and it can be communal
  - Testimony can be shared anywhere
  - Testimony is here and now but it's also historical
4. Anabaptists suggest that "our life is our witness."
5. Two things to keep in mind when we share our testimony/act like witnesses
  - Know who you're talking to and what they need to hear.
  - Be authentic.
6. PARTNER VIDEO: Ruth and Naomi's Mission. Check it out online at [www.crossroadscommunity.ca](http://www.crossroadscommunity.ca) – under the PARTNER tab.
7. What would you say is the ongoing testimony of Jesus Christ?

## Study Notes

### DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think we tend to stress "testimony" as a talking thing vs. a doing thing?
2. How can we balance testimony and witness in our lives, ie. talking about God and faith with walking that talk consistently?

### INTO THE BIBLE

3. Read 1 Kings 8:22-61 (or portions thereof). How is King Solomon's prayer like a testimony? How can our prayers be like testimony?
4. Read James 2:14-26. What does James say here about the relationship between faith and works (what we say and what we do)?

### APPLICATION

5. Testimonies fall into two broad categories: positional and progressive. Our positional testimony is our story of coming to faith in Jesus Christ. Our progressive testimony is our story of growing in our faith. Please share one of the other with your group.
6. What specific action these days do you think God might be calling you into in support of your testimony?