

## **What is D-Later?**

**D-Later** is our students getting to know the church that the Lord has placed them in. The last couple years we have organized the gifts of the people in the church to pour into our students so 1. They can learn something and 2. They will see the people in the church as part of their spiritual family. Plus, it is continued discipleship of our students in their relationship with the Lord.

**This year** the emphasis is a little different. We are having a few people share how they came to know Christ, so actually, all goals are achieved, but more in a spiritual way. They will most certainly learn something, but they will also know their brother or sister much better who is sitting in the section next to them and they will be diving into the Bible and learning how to evangelize. I am very excited for this year, pray that it will be a blessing.

**The purpose** of writing down and knowing our testimony is more for our personal understanding. Yes, it can be used in sharing the Gospel, but more importantly it is knowing and being able to articulate what Jesus has done in you, for you, and to you. It is grasping the “before” I had Christ, the “conversion” from old to new, and the “after”. We need to know this for ourselves!

**So, what am I trying to say here?** Well, to be put simply, who you were before Christ, what happened, and who you were after Christ. The old self, the transformation, and the new self. Every testimony is way different, and there are different amounts of information from each person for these three areas, but to some extent all these areas are pertinent to being born again. There is a past, there was a point, and there is the after.

So **our hope** is to help our students come to an understanding of what the Lord has done in their lives... and in some cases maybe will do in their lives. If your student doesn't know Christ, discussing the Gospel and hearing from their peers will only help in their understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

I also have some wonderful teaching helps on how to share the Gospel well. After all, all of us who are true believers have probably shared the Gospel “not so well” many many many times. I know I have. That happens, and is to be smiled about, shake our heads at ourselves and thank the Good Lord that He is the one that saves, and sometimes (most the time) He uses our feeble attempts and makes amazing things happen. He is good that way. But let's have a grasp on sharing our Savior rightly!

## DLater 2025 Grasping Evangelism

### DLater Schedule

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> (We will order pizza after everyone has arrived)

6:00 pm Opening (in the youth room)

6:30 Testimony 1

7:00 Testimony workshop 1

7:15 Fear in sharing the Gospel

8:00 Testimony 2

8:30-9:00 Q and A

9:00 dismissal

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Prayer Breakfast! (Salad and Go breakfast bowls or wraps... so good)

10:00 Testimony 3

10:30 Testimony workshop 2

10:45 How to share the Gospel

12:00 Lunch... (to be announced... but it will be alright, maybe even good!)

12:30 Q and A while we finish lunch

1:00 Testimony 4

1:30 How to share the Gospel rightly

2:30 Testimony workshop 3

3:00 Sharing our faith

4:00 Walking the Walk

5:00 Arm in Arm, Back to Back, Feet on the Rock

5:30 student pick up.... Or should we say... SEND OUT! Go and serve your King!

**Who:** Students grade 7-12

**When:** April 4, 6pm-9pm and Saturday April 5, 9am to 5pm

**Cost:** nothing

**Food:** Dinner Friday, Breakfast, and lunch Saturday. (may want to bring snacks or drinks for in between times although some will be provided)(please let me know of any dietary restrictions)

**Where:** In the youth area of the church

**Can you bring friends?** Yes, if they fall into the grade range of 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.