



## Famous Testimony

**Focus** Our testimonies become famous when we make them widely known among our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

**Fun** What is your favorite restaurant?

**Review** Key scripture: John 9

Jesus healed a man who was born blind. We can learn from this man more about how to share our testimonies.

- Our testimonies begin with obedience.

The blind man obeyed Jesus when he went to wash in the Pool of Siloam. When we obey God, He does miracles in our lives that we can then tell others about.

- Our testimonies can be shared repeatedly.

The man told his neighbors and others who had seen him begging about how Jesus healed him. Then he told his testimony to the Pharisees several times. We can also regularly share our stories about how God changed our lives.

- The man who had been healed was not afraid to share his testimony.

His parents were afraid of being put out of the synagogue, so they didn't give Jesus the glory for healing their son. We can't allow fear to keep us from telling about what God has done in our lives.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Consider asking (but not pressuring) a quieter member of the group to answer one of the questions. The goal is to encourage participation by all group members. Great conversations flow in an environment where everyone is contributing!

## Discuss

1. Who did you identify with in this story? The blind man? The disciples? The neighbors? The Pharisees? The man's parents? Why?
2. By healing on the Sabbath, Jesus broke some religious rules of His day. Have you had to overcome any religious rules in order to talk to people about God? If yes, which ones?
3. Have you recently felt an inner nudge from the Holy Spirit to share Christ with someone? Tell the story to the group.
4. Sometimes we experience rejection when we talk to people about God. What are some ways we can deal with this rejection? How do we continue to relate to the person who has rejected us?
5. From what has God healed you? If not physical healing, what other types of brokenness has He healed in you?

## Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We each have a testimony of what God has done in our lives.
- God wants us to regularly share our testimonies.
- Sometimes people want to argue about theology, but they can't argue with us about our story of how God changed our lives.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** Do your best to end the discussion and prayer at a specified time each week. This makes for a smoother transition for those who need to leave for various reasons. It also allows time for those who aren't in a hurry to hang out and get to know each other better.

## Pray

Pray that group members will have opportunity and courage to share their testimonies this week. Pray as a group that each person will lead at least one person to Christ this year. Pray for the needs of the group members.