



We are very excited that you have made the choice to outwardly declare your inward decision to follow Jesus Christ! We want to help walk you through this process.

There are four steps:

1. Use the baptism story worksheet (below) to build your story.
2. Work with a staff member to review your story.
3. Film your story.
4. Get baptized!!

In order to make that process easier we have included a work sheet designed to help gather your thoughts...however there are some things we'd ask you to take into consideration:

#### WHAT NOT TO SHARE

The last thing any of us want is for you to inadvertently say something during your story that may be confusing or hurtful to someone. Our desire is that you are able to be as clear as possible about who Christ is and why you are choosing to get baptized now. Here are some pointers:

- Sharing your story requires a certain level of vulnerability, but please avoid going over the top with too much detail or details that may be inappropriate.
- Please avoid saying that you have "always been a Christian". This gives the idea that it is something that you can inherit. Becoming a Christian is about making the decision to accept Christ's death on the cross as payment for your sin, not just growing up in a Christian home.
- Please do not mention specific denominations/other churches in town you've been a part of previously. We don't want there to be felt judgment or competition.
- Feel free to mention if you were in a previous religion (Mormon, Buddhist, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
- Please don't talk about others by name in a way that would cast a negative light on them.

#### BE SPECIFIC

Following Jesus is definitely a process, and that journey had a start to it. You may not be able to remember the exact day or time that it all started, but be as specific as you can about that moment you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior.

#### NOTES ON LENGTH

We want you to feel comfortable and natural with your story on camera. One of the best ways to do that is to practice your story until you feel confident with it. As you practice, make sure you time yourself. Ideally your filmed story will be between 2-3 minutes in length.

If you are having trouble constructing your story let's meet! I can be reached at 509.295.3950 or [andrew@canyonschurch.net](mailto:andrew@canyonschurch.net)

MyStory Worksheet

1. Introduce yourself (one sentence) My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I grew up  
\_\_\_\_\_ (describe your home or your early perceptions of God)

2. Your life prior to Christ.

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3. How and when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

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4. How God and possibly Canyons Church has affected your decision to follow Jesus.

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5. How your life is different after accepting Christ.

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6. If you would like to, thank some of the people (family, small group, friends, etc.) who have helped you in your journey to/with Jesus.

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7. Conclude with something close to: "Today I am excited to be baptized and publicly declare Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior!"