



Year A – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Testify: Making Jesus Known

***{Start with reviewing the previous meeting's challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Let's Begin: Think about how the challenge went for the last session. What went well? What was difficult?

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: **Jn 1:29-34** - <https://bible.usccb.org/> - 1/15/2023, 1/18/2026, 1/21/2029

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Holy Spirit, we invite You into this space. We invite You into our hearts. As we have been baptized into Your family, give us a desire to share how You have worked wonders in our lives. Place on our tongues the words to testify in Your name. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. In the reading today, we hear how John testified that Jesus is the Son of God. What does the word testify mean to you? What are different ways that one can testify at home, work, or school?

(Note for leaders - this video is NOT available on Youtube.)

YouTube Video: Christ Calls You to Mission, Bishop Barron (4.37 min) -

<https://www.spiritjuicestudios.com/portfolio/christ-calls-you-to-mission/>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. What are some words you would use to describe who Jesus is to you?
3. Have you ever enjoyed something so much that you couldn't wait to tell someone about it? Have you ever felt this about your faith? Why or why not?
4. In the video, Bishop Barron talks about how the western world is in need of us to be on mission to share the message of God. Do you feel that you live in a mission country and that YOU are needed to share the Truth of Jesus?
5. Is there a particular time when you shared Jesus with someone? How did it go?
6. Do you think it's difficult to testify about Jesus when at work, school, or out and about? Why or why not?
7. Bishop Barron talks about what love is and how we can encounter Jesus. Is there a time you encountered Jesus through another's testimony that you would like to share?
8. Is there anything else that stood out to you or struck you from the video?

Session Challenges: {Choose one or both}

- Everyone has a story to tell. Ponder how Jesus has worked in your life and write down the story. See if you can condense this story to a paragraph or two so that you can more easily share it with others.
- Read and utilize this listening skill and testimony worksheet handout to help with your evangelization skills: [Evangelization Testimony Worksheet](#)

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Dear Jesus, hold our hands as we work and interact with others in the world. Create opportunities where we can share how You have worked Your wonders in our lives and give us the courage to do so with great love and joy. Amen.

{Optional additional Readings} Sunday Reading 1: **Is 49:3,5-6**; Sunday Reading 2: **1 Cor 1:1-3**