

## **2016 Summer Series: Faith Builders**

### *Part Four: Telling Our Stories*

Sunday July 24, 2016

#### 1. Here's why we share testimony:

- Because testimony is telling about what we know to be true from our experience – it is speaking the truth as far as we know it.
- Because testimony instructs the church.
- Because testimony strengthens people for the struggle – it can prepare us for it and give us hope through it.
- Because testimony brings healing – through shared experience.
- Because testimony helps us remember that God is in charge.

#### 2. Two types of stories: salvation stories and growth stories.

#### 3. At Crossroads Community Church – we believe that...

- baptism is a command of the Scriptures to be baptized and to baptize others (Mt. 28:19-20).
- baptism is for those who believe in Jesus Christ (Ro. 6:3-7).
- a person can be baptized at any time *after* they have committed their life to following Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41; 10:44-48).
- baptism by immersion makes the most sense (Mk. 1:9-10; John 3:23; Acts 8:38-39).