

## Luke's Testimony

Since I was born I was always taken to church on a Sunday morning but I didn't take much notice of it, I just thought if I knew about Jesus I would go to heaven. But as I got older and started playing football on a Sunday morning I never had enough time for church. Also going to secondary school and mixing with non Christian mates pulled me away from Christian things. I was doing things I shouldn't do but I didn't know what was right or wrong in Jesus' eyes.

Then when I got into year 10 in September 2005 (15 years old) I started going to Freestyle on a Friday evening and Sundays after church. Every time I went I was just interested in the Freestyle part, not the bible teaching. Gradually as I started listening to the talks it became clear to me that Jesus died for me, this was about June 2006.

It was during an evening service that I asked the Lord to free me from my sins and be with me as a Christian. Between June and August I would have called myself a semi Christian, living as a Christian in some areas of my life but in other areas I would turn a blind eye.

But then it was during church camp that I was challenged and my faith became stronger and I realised that I had to be a Christian in all areas of my life. It was after church camp that I stopped playing football on a Sunday morning and went to church instead and since then I've rapidly learnt more and grown in faith.

It's also been really encouraging to have friends in church and see them grow in faith and talk to them about Jesus and school life. And it's only now that I really can see what Jesus has done for me and I just hope I can be used by him however possible.