

Testimony and Navigator History

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I. Introduction.

II. The Navigator history.

- A. The founder of the Navigators Dawson Trotman accepted Christ as He meditated on gospel verses given through a church program.
- B. Trotman was asked to give his testimony and all of the men from his work showed up to hear it.
- C. Trotman was then asked to lead Sunday School for boys, and he found success with them. From this he started a boys Bible club.
- D. The key point in the history was when Trotman inspired Less Spencer with his ability to share his faith. He promised to teach him how to do this and told him to do the same with another man.

III. Testimony.

- A. The speaker accepted Christ right before he went into the military.
- B. He learned the Bible in the Navy while he was the only believer on his ship. Here he learned how to live the life. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, 2 Timothy 2:1)
- C. The speaker learned to live the life by following another man and watching how he lived. (Philippians 4:17)
- D. The speaker began spending time with Trotman.
- E. Trotman suggested that discipling a man could enable the speaker to have an influence in several fields of ministry.

IV. The Navigators is a movement.

- A. All you need to do is disciple.
- B. This does not require a particular talent.
- C. This does not require large numbers.
- D. We want to live the kind of life where they will know that we are Christians.

Application questions

1. How are the characteristics of the Navigator movement reflected in its early origins?

2. How was the speaker told that he could most effectively spread his influence for Christ?

3. What kind of life exhibits that we are Christians, and what do you need to do to better live out this life?
