



Authentic Witnesses

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Focus Witnessing is telling the truth about what has happened.

Fun What is the sweetest or kindest act you have witnessed?

Review Key Scriptures: Acts 1:4–8

1. What is a witness?

A witness is someone who has seen or heard something and communicates his experience accurately. If you have been saved, you are a witness of Jesus' love and grace!

2. A witness doesn't argue.

We need to share our experiences and show the love of Christ. We don't have to argue about theology or politics—we can just tell them what Jesus did and let God do the rest!

3. Witnessing is fun.

It is a lot of fun to share with people what God has done!

Group Dynamics Idea During the message, Pastor Robert shares an acronym from Dr. Rice Brooks: SALT (S—Start a conversation; A—Ask questions; L—Listen; T—Tell the story). As a group, make a list of questions which make great conversation starters. Pair up and practice starting conversations.

Discuss

1. In Acts 1:8, what will we receive when the Holy Spirit comes upon us? In the same verse, what will we be?

2. Name some other witnesses from these passages: John 3:31–32; Luke 2:20, 7:22; Acts 4:20, 22:15; 1 John 1:1–3. What is the key phrase in each of these verses?
3. Hunters hunt. Golfers golf. Sinners _____. What matters most: a person's sin or their salvation?
4. When we witness, what do we share?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- A witness is not something you do. It is someone you are.
- We are a witness of Jesus because we have met Him. We have a story to share as soon as we get saved.
- We need to share what we have personally seen or heard.
- Witnessing is as easy as SALT: S–Start a conversation; A–Ask questions; L–Listen; T–Tell the story.
- When we get distracted by the behaviors of sinners, we miss the opportunity to share.
- Witnessing is not a program or a job. It's a joy!

Prayer Lord, thank You for my encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit who gives me boldness to witness. As I talk to others, help me remember to ask questions, listen, and tell my story of Your goodness in my life. Remind me that sinners sin and help me to look past their sin so I may share with them the hope found in Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Be on the lookout for group members who would make great group leaders.