

[NEW BELIEVER'S]

# Bible Study #18

## WITNESS

Witnessing is sharing the joy of your salvation & your new life in Christ with other people.

Let's begin by memorizing Acts 1:8:

YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

Witnessing is the method Jesus chose to spread the Good News of how sinful men can be reconciled to God. He took a small band of average people, and He empowered them to do this work.

In this lesson, you will learn:

- Why witnessing is important.
- Different ways to witness.

When you answer these questions, do not simply copy the verse, but use your own words.

When we first surrender our lives to Jesus, we are still spiritually immature. We've just been born again, and we are starting out as babes in Christ. However, no matter how mature we are in our faith, Jesus still sends us out as witnesses of the gospel to preach the good news that we have received.

To preach simply means to "proclaim the gospel." With that definition in mind...

1. What do the following verses say about the importance of being able to talk about our relationship with Jesus?

(Romans 10:13-15) \_\_\_\_\_  
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As we practice witnessing in various situations, we grow stronger in our faith & in our assurance that we will live forever in heaven with God. We usually don't become effective witnesses overnight. It's usually something we have to learn through practice.

2. What does the following verse say is the goal of all our practice?

(1 Peter 3:15) \_\_\_\_\_  
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All believers are witnesses for Jesus Christ. We witness by what we say and by how we live. Francis of Assisi, a humble servant of God, is reported to have said that believers are called to preach the gospel all the time, but to use words only when necessary.

Read Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats, in order to answer the following questions.

3. What seems to be the main difference between the sheep and the goats?

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4. Who are some of the least of God's children to whom He may be calling you as His witness?

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Sometimes we're good witnesses for Christ, and sometimes we're not very good witnesses for Christ. But we can always become better witnesses for Jesus by consciously relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us. As we pray, the Spirit will:

- Bring us divine appointments with people who need to hear the Good News.
- Inspire us with just the right words to say as we share our heart for the Lord with others.

- Prompt us to pray for those to whom we have witnessed.

5. What does the following verse suggest about the timing of God for His divine appointments for your witnessing?

(2 Timothy 4:2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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With regard to witnessing for Jesus, it has been said that people don't care what you know, until they know that you care. So in some situations, the best time for witnessing may be after you have gotten to know the person. But, in other cases, the Spirit may prompt you to witness to a stranger.

6. What do the following verses teach about situations in which people do not respond to the Good News as you share it with them?

(1 Corinthians 3:5-8) \_\_\_\_\_  
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In many cases, a door may be opened for witnessing simply by bringing God up in your conversation with another. He is the God of all creation, and His perfect plan & purpose are being worked out in every situation.

How might you bring God up in talking with someone about beautiful weather?

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How might you bring God up in comforting someone whose close family member has died?

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From memory, write out your memory verse from page 1.

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