



WITNESS

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read **Chronicles 12:32, John 4:35, Luke 10:2, Revelation 2:4, 2 Corinthians 3:5, & Matthew 17:20**

As we talk about being an effective witness for Jesus, we recall that Jesus walked everywhere, and just talked to people about what was to come. He offered hope, he gave his love, and he healed people. He offered a simple contrast between the world and the kingdom of heaven. He said take up your cross and follow me. The fields are ripe for harvest. And the time to harvest is now! There are so many people under the sound of your voice who are willing to listen to the hope that Christ brings, the gift of eternal life. Being a witness is a daily calling. At every opportunity we need to witness to others. On social media, in person, on the plane, on the train, wherever people are, we need to be as well. We are empowered because Jesus lives within us and has given us instructions on what to do. He is telling us it is time to go!

Pray

Dear Jesus, please bless me to be a witness. Help me overcome my fear, my doubt and my biases. Help me deny myself and give all to you as a witness. Here I am Lord, send me. I pray for salvation for friends, family and people I may not agree with. I ask that the kingdom of God be glorified through me.

Getting Started

- Share about some seasons or times in your life that were good, or fruitful, or profitable.
- Who are the people in your life who need to hear about Jesus?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 17:20. Why is faith so important when it comes to witnessing? Why is it so powerful?
2. Have you ever shared the love of Jesus with anyone? If not, why not? If you did, what happened?
3. How can we think about time and our purpose in the same way Jesus does?
4. Read John 4:35 and Luke 10:2. Discuss why Jesus was so intent on the harvest. What is the harvest? Where is the harvest? Why is the harvest so important?
5. What does it mean to “live up to the second coming of Christ?” Discuss how Hebrews 9:28 is a defining reality of our “next” and our “now.”
6. What kind of special skills do you need to witness to people?
7. Is prayer an important aspect of witnessing? How? Why?
8. Are you living in faith, believing in Jesus and obeying his command to make disciples? Or are you acting like witnessing doesn't matter? What will you do this week to change and come into obedience with Christ?

Living Jesus

You are Christ's ambassador. Is this how you are living? Here is how you can start going and sharing Jesus. First repent and be reconciled with God. Don't worry about your qualifications; Jesus has given you all you need. Live prayer empowered and start being intentional about your relationships. Listen to what the Spirit leads you to say. Tell your Jesus story. Lean towards commitment, and always remember not to push or condemn someone. They will follow as Jesus leads. Start living and sharing Jesus with the world.