

Witnessing for the Lord

Acts 1:8 “and ye shall be witnesses unto me ...unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Why should we want to witness?

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Luke 24:46-47 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Romans 10 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Proverbs 11 30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

How can we be prepared to witness?

1 Peter 3 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

- Appreciate God's love for us, our salvation and our relationship with Him.
- Know the gospel and how to explain it.
- Pray for the people you want to witness to. Don't underestimate the power of prayer
- Love and show kindness to those you want to reach out to.
- Use the word of God. Hebrews 4:12

How we live and act in front of people is very important. If we have a good testimony it will give our words meaning and people will want to listen to us.

Remember it is our job to: Plant, Water, Pray. It is God who saves 1 Cor. 3:6.

Class project: find verses we can use to share the gospel.

Discuss hindrances to sharing the gospel.

Share ideas that have worked for you in sharing the gospel

2 Cor. 4 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

CALLED TO TESTIFY

1 John 4:14 – “And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”

How can I talk to someone about the Gospel in an effective way?

- Be a follower of the Lord
 - Matt. 4:18-20; John 15:5-6
- Care about the lost
 - Romans 9:1-3
- Ask the Lord for boldness
 - Acts 4:13, 29
- Ask the Lord to provide the opportunity to share the Gospel
 - Ask for that ‘Macedonian’ call – Acts 16:9-10
- Be prepared with scriptures that point the proper way of salvation
 - 1 Peter 3:15

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What are some good verses to use to present the Gospel? Do you have some of these memorized?

- Listen to what is being said to you to make sure you are saying the proper things
 - 2 Samuel 1:4
- Be friendly, sympathetic, and genuinely interested in the person’s salvation
 - 2 Peter 3:9
- Remember that you are sharing about your friend, your source of life (John 15). Go ahead and get genuinely excited!

Good – Quote verses when sharing the Gospel.

Better – Read verses from the Bible when sharing the Gospel.

Best – Let the one you are speaking with see the verses from the Bible themselves.

What are some good questions to ask to learn about someone’s interest about their spiritual condition?

- Are you saved?
- Do you go to church?
- Do you ever think about dying?
- What do you think happens when we die?
- Do you believe in God?
- Do you think you will go to Heaven?
- Who decides what is right and what is wrong?
- What's the most loving thing that's happened to you? What's the most painful? Who's the worst person you know?
 - God endured the worst pain, because He loved you, when you were living against Him.

It is better to ask questions that cannot be answered with a simple ‘yes’ or ‘no’. Ask questions that will help the person open up about himself.

Use your personal testimony when presenting the Gospel. The account of the Apostle Paul’s salvation is in Acts 9:1-9. He shared his testimony with a group of angry Jews and part of the Roman army in Acts 22:1-11. He also shared his testimony with King Agrippa in Acts 26:9-20.