

# Be An Active Witness

Acts 1:6-11

The question is, "What kind of witnesses are we?"

- A \_\_\_\_\_ witness, or \_\_\_\_\_ witness.
- A witness who \_\_\_\_\_ being known.
- Or an \_\_\_\_\_ witness,

I. **To be an active witness we must befriend several \_\_\_\_\_.**

There are two reasons for this:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ are the ones we need to be witnesses to.
- 2) The best context for being a witness is \_\_\_\_\_.

To make friends and really get to know people we often need to do something **relaxing** and \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

II. **Being a witness is less about memorizing an explanation of the Gospel and more about telling unbelievers about the \_\_\_\_\_ God has made in your life and the lives of others.**

The Bible can do a much better job of convincing people to trust in Jesus than you or I can. We need to convince people to join a LIFE Group or a small group \_\_\_\_\_ study.

III. **To help an unbeliever understand the Gospel you can read, or \_\_\_\_\_, with them a clear presentation of the Gospel. Then \_\_\_\_\_ to them of how each point of the Gospel has been true in your life.**

IV. **To be an active witness we need to be willing to sacrifice some of our \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of others, and we need to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Don't hide, don't be \_\_\_\_\_. People's lives all around us are falling apart. They need the God's help in their lives.

Be an \_\_\_\_\_ witness.

## Discussion Questions:

1) In the message Pastor Paul Varberg talked about three kinds of witnesses that he observed at the scene of an accident.

- A \_\_\_\_\_ witness, or \_\_\_\_\_ witness.
- A witness who \_\_\_\_\_ being known.
- Or an \_\_\_\_\_ witness,

Please explain the differences between these three kinds of witnesses and explain how Church members can be the same as each of these.

### Read Acts 1:6-11

2) These verses mention needing the Holy Spirit before you can be witnesses for Jesus in these places. How do we get the Holy Spirit involved in helping us become active witnesses for Jesus?

3) To be an active witness we must befriend several unbelievers because they are the ones we need to be witnesses to and because friendship is the best context in which to be a witness for Jesus. What are some different ways in which we can have regular contact with unbelievers and develop friendships with them?

4) It is one thing to make acquaintances with unbelievers and it is another thing to become their friend. Please share some activities and environments in which it is easier to become friends with someone new.

5) Being a witness is less about memorizing an explanation of the Gospel and more about telling unbelievers about the changes God has made in your life and the lives of others. Once you are developing a friendship with someone who is an unbeliever what are some different ways you can be a witness to them of the changes God has made in your life? (share your testimony, share what you learned from quiet time, bring them to your Life group.)

6) It is important to explain the plan of salvation to your new unbeliever friend once you have shared about the changes knowing Jesus has made in your life, and they have shown an interest in learning more. Please share some different modern tools that can help us in explaining the plan of salvation to someone.

7) As you listen, watch, or read the plan of salvation with them what are some examples of how you can be a witness to them of how this has been true in your life.

8) Being an active witness for Jesus does not happen by accident. It takes thinking, planning, praying, and doing. Please share what you feel God wants you to begin doing so that you can become an active witness for Jesus.