



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Infinity and Beyond!

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Key Verse:

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

What is a Disciple?

1. A Witness tells what he _____.

The dictionary defines the word "witness" this way: "One who has seen or heard something" and "One who furnishes evidence." A witness is someone who can say, "I know this is true." In a court of law a witness swears on a Bible and promises to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Witnesses tell the truth, and if they are good witnesses, that is all they do. A witness tells nothing less than the truth—and nothing more either.

2. A Witness shares what he has _____.

Listen to the words of 1 John 1:1, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life." John says, "I saw him, I heard him, I walked with him, I touched him." Now listen to verse 2: "The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us."

3. A Witness is anyone who _____ with the Holy Spirit in telling others about Jesus.

God invites us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in telling others about Jesus. This is God's job description for every Christian. When we do our part, we may be sure that the Holy Spirit will do His.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful or eye-opening?
2. Are you ready to share your story of coming to know Jesus as your Savior (your testimony)? Think through how you would tell someone about your life before believing in Jesus and after believing in Jesus. Think through how you would present the gospel in your testimony.

Ponderings:

3. Read Acts 1:8. What is the big idea of this verse?
4. What vision does Jesus give his disciples in this passage? (Remember most of the disciples hadn't been more than 30 miles from their home).
5. What does it mean to be a "witness" of Jesus (v8)? What facts, experiences, or truths are we testifying about (see also Luke 24:46-48 and Acts 10:28-43)?
6. Jesus never meant for us to live for Him in our own power. Why do we keep trying to?
7. What kinds of ideas do we often consider to be our life's purpose? Do we have more than one? How can the different roles that we play in life every day often distract us from the primary purpose that God has given us?

Promptings:

8. Name three people you know who don't yet know Jesus as their Savior. Begin to pray weekly for opportunities to be a witness to each of them and that God would open their eyes to truth.
9. How can you be a witness for Jesus at work, school, or in the community?
10. Spend time praying that God would give you a heart for the nations – a longing to see the gospel spread to every people group on earth.