

LIFE GROUP notes

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Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Discipleship Journey – Evangelism



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member your understanding of evangelism and being a witness of Jesus Christ?
2. What does Acts 1:8 tell us about evangelism? (**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...**).
3. What does Leviticus 20:10 tell us about God's Law? (**If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbour, both shall surely be put to death.**).
4. What does Romans 7:7b tell us about God's law? (**Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin...**).



Let's go deeper

5. How did Jesus respond to the woman's sin in John 8:11? (**Jesus said, neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.**).
6. What does Revelation 12:11 tell us? (**And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.**).
7. What does Matthew 28:19 tell us about discipleship? (**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**).
8. What does 2 Timothy 2:2 tell us about discipleship? (**...And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.**).



Let's apply this

9. Acts 1:8; But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- Is your life a witness for God?
- Are you ready to give an answer for the hope of your salvation?
- Share your testimony with someone today?
- Go and make a disciple?

SUMMARY:

Discipleship Journey – Evangelism

Read: Acts 1:8; John 8:1 – 8

Definition of an evangelist; preacher of the gospel, announce, declare, proclaim a witness of good news. Evangelism is telling others the good news of Jesus Christ.

1. How to be a witness (see Acts 1:8)

In a court of law, a witness tells "the truth and nothing but the truth" about what he or she has seen, heard and experienced. We are called to be God's witnesses. We are to tell the truth of what Jesus did for us. Being a witness is to live a life that testifies to the grace of our Lord Jesus. The only way we can be a witness is through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus sets a great example for us of being a witness in **John 8:1 – 11:**

vv.1 – 5; The moment you break one of God's laws you sin against God and need to pay a price for your sin to be forgiven. This woman because of her sin deserved the death penalty by stoning – see Leviticus 20:10.

Romans 7:7b, tells us that God's law is like a mirror that I look into and see myself. God's law helps us to see and understand that we have all broken and disobeyed God's law which is to sin and in need of forgiveness. Like this woman in John 8, we all deserve the death penalty because of sin and breaking God's law.

vv.6 – 11; Jesus told the religious leaders to put their stones down and to judge themselves first before judging others by saying that let anyone of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. The religious leaders responded by turning their backs on Jesus and walking away from Him, rather than to Him to receive forgiveness of sin and grace. Jesus did not condemn the woman or punish her, because He was punished on the cross for her sins, and all of mankind's. Jesus came full of grace, and grace is forgiveness, a free gift and a second chance. As witness and example to us Jesus used the law to evangelise to the religious leaders, and He used a message of grace and forgiveness to the sinful woman.

2. We witness by sharing our testimony (see Revelation 12:11).

The word of our testimony is powerful. There are three parts to our testimony:

1. Briefly describe your life before Christ.
2. Carefully explain how you came to the point of surrendering your life to Christ.
3. Joyfully describe your life since Jesus became your Saviour and Lord.

3. We are called to make disciples (see Matt. 28:19 – 20 and 2 Tim.2:2).

We make disciples (followers of Christ, who make followers of Christ), as we introduce people to Jesus and teach them how to obey God's commands. Paul told Timothy to share and impart everything he had learned from Paul to others who would be able to teach it to others. This is discipleship.

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV); ...and what you (Timothy) have heard from me (Paul) in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men (3rd group of people), who will be able to teach others (4th group of people) also.