

## Can I Get A Witness?

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: What is a “witness”? Why are they important?

Q: Have you ever been a “witness” to something important? (Ex: accident, crime, wedding, legal issue, etc.?)

## Table Time...

READ: Acts 1: 6-11 “So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Q: What’s the question in verses 6-7 about?

Q: Why does Jesus re-focus them? And how is THAT significant to being a “witness”? What’s the connection with our mission?

Q: What’s the promise in verse 8?

Q: What do you notice about the 2nd half of verse 8?

Q: Is verse 8 “optional”?

Q: What happens in verse 9?

Q: What happens in verse 10? Why is that significant? (Hint: 2 Corinthians 13:1 “This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.”)

Q: What’s their question to the “witnesses”?

Q: Do we have a tendency to “keep faith to ourselves”? Why is that?

## Big Group Debrief....

READ: Exodus 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Q: What is forbidden here? Why?

Q: How might “false witness” hurt people?

READ: Psalm 25:4-5 “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long”

Q: What is the prayer of the psalmist in these verses? How does verse 5, relate to why God commands truthfulness?

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READ: John 15:26-27 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

Q: How does the above passage relate to the Acts 1 section we read earlier?

Q: According to verse 26, what’s the characteristic of the Holy Spirit?

Q: Who does the Spirit “witness” to?

Q: According to verse 27, who do WE bear witness to?

Q: How is our faith “seen” in our life?

READ: 2 Timothy 4:2 “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

Q: While written to Timothy (a pastor), how can we apply this same passage?

Q: What is our “ministry” that Jesus commanded/commissioned us to do?

Q: What are the practical applications of this passage to our life?

Q: What happens if you don’t feel “good enough” to do this?

Q: How might we “be ready in season and out of season”?

Q: How can our “Mission Pillars” of: God’s Word, Prayer, Worship, and Service, help us be faithful “witnesses” to God’s Truth and Grace and the Truth of Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

*\* Close with Prayer for AIC to grow into Faithful Witnesses!*