



Seven Things You Must Know About Witnessing

Witnessing: Telling the truth of who Jesus is, what He has done in my life, and what He can do in the lives of those God has placed in front of me.

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. We witness because there is no plan "B".

- As a Christ-follower, we have been commanded and commissioned to be a witness.

Esther 4:14 (NIV)

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

2. We are always witnessing! (Matthew 12:30; Matthew 5:16)

- Witnessing is not so much what we do but who we are.

3. We witness because good people don't go to heaven; forgiven people do! (John 14:6; Proverbs 14:12; Romans 10:1-4; Romans 10:9-15)

- A great way to witness is to invest and invite! (Luke 5:27-29)

4. To follow Jesus is to become a witness for Jesus.

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Philemon 1:6 (ESV)

and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

5. Witnessing is storytelling.

Acts 4:20 (ESV)

for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

- Our testimony is our most powerful tool.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

6. We witness because the situation is urgent.

7. We witness because the verdict is final.