



AS YOU GrOW

1. We witness because there is no plan “B”.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

2. We are always witnessing!

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

3. We witness because good people don’t go to heaven; forgiven people do!

(Romans 10:1-4)

- People know of God they just don’t know how to get to Him.
(Acts 10:1-5; Acts 10:43)

4. To follow Jesus is to fish.

Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Being willing to drop our nets means:

- * Trading the temporal for eternal.
- * Start investing and inviting. (Luke 5:27-29)
- * Realizing the power of our story.

Acts 4:20 (NIV)

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

5. We witness because the situation is urgent and the verdict is final.