



My Witness - Week 2 - Personal Call

Acts 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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."

1 John 3:16 *We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. We have an example, our hermeneutic, which again means how we interpret the truth, how can we understand what is right and good and is God? Because we have this, the measurement is Christ... this is how we know.. He continues 17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? 18 Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 19 Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.*

1 Peter 3:8 *Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. 9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.*

Other passages: Acts 13:47, Phil. 2:3-4, Eph. 3:14-19, 1 Tim. 3:15,

Connect: Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care: Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. The sermon talked about the appeal of a "monk life." Where do you feel the temptation to avoid community because it's harder, messier, or more demanding?
2. A witness gives an honest account of what actually happened. What has Jesus done in *your* life that others could clearly see or hear?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:8–9. Which of these qualities (unity, sympathy, humility, blessing others) do you find most challenging right now—and why?
4. According to 1 Timothy 3:15, the church is the *pillar and foundation of truth*. How does that shape the way you think about commitment to the local church?
5. What would it look like for your group to be a *witness* in your neighborhood, not just a Bible study?

Clarify: Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate: Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

Key Takeaways