

# Equipping People to Know Jesus and Follow Him

## Witnessing

**Background** – God has called us to be a witness to others about Jesus Christ.

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – Romans 10:11-15

**Take Away** – People are eternally separated from God without Jesus Christ. We must speak.

- 1) Pray – that God would speak to our hearts and give us a desire to witness.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
  - I. How can we witness to people about Jesus Christ?
    - A. Devote yourself to prayer
      - Col. 4:2-6, 12
    - B. Depend upon the Holy Spirit
      - Eph. 5:15-20, 1 Kings 3:9, 1 Cor. 2:14
    - C. Speak about Jesus
      - Rom. 10:11-15, Timothy 2:8-10,
    - D. Rest in the Lord and keep investing in relationships
      - 2 Tim. 4:1-2, 16-18
  - II. Application
    - A. Make a list of people who need to know Jesus and pray for them.
    - B. Be prepared for divine opportunities to speak. Be bold and courageous.

### Discussion Questions

1. How comfortable are you with reaching out to people as a witness for Christ? Do you find your comfort level shifts depending on the situation or the person?
2. Look back over Colossians 4:2-6 that was shared during the sermon. Note all the advice Paul offered on character, conduct, and conversation.

3. How do these verses further illustrate how you should interact with others in order to be a Godly witness? Philippians 2:14-16, 1 Peter 2:12, 1 Peter 3:8-12, 1 Peter 3:15-17
4. Sometimes in our haste to start a conversation about Jesus, we try to force open a door that God has not yet opened. What is the potential danger if we get ahead of God in this way? Discuss in your small groups or with another believer ways we can better discern if God HAS opened a door for a conversation about Him.
5. What God wants from us is to see people as He sees them: *loved, valued, and worth our time and energy*. As you reflect on the topic of witnessing, did God bring to mind someone that needs to hear the Good News? Or, perhaps God has given you a heart for a certain demographic group (young mothers, veterans, the homeless, teachers, refugees, etc.). To whom in your community might God be asking you to reach out?
6. Independently or in a small group, pray that God would create a passion within you to be obedient witness to those He places on your heart.

#### Additional Resources

- 1) *Witnessing without Fear* – Bill Bright
- 2) *Share Jesus Without Fear* – William Fay
- 3) *Making Sense of God* – Timothy Keller
- 4) *The Reason for God* – Timothy Keller