

## GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Fall 2023 – Acts Sermon Series - “Witness”

Week of Oct. 29 (Week 8)

**ICE BREAKER:** This time is designed for getting conversation going. [Click here](#) for a helpful list of ideas for this time or create / do your own!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. “Tackle the Trafficking” is an event that partners with anti-trafficking organizations to raise awareness and financial support in the fight against human trafficking and the exploitation of women. This year it will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25th at Eastern Christian High School. There is a 7 on 7 football tournament, raffles, food, games, a fair trade market and more. They are in need of football players to play in the tournament, individuals to make some baked goods, donations for the raffles, as well as general volunteer help. If you are interested in helping out in any way or attending the event or would like more information on how you can support this event, please reach out directly to covenant members, Jessica Grande ([jessgrande@yahoo.com](mailto:jessgrande@yahoo.com)) or Danielle Hoitsma ([leavnalegacy@aol.com](mailto:leavnalegacy@aol.com)).
2. We are currently accepting donations of new adult socks to benefit those in need through St. Joseph’s Hospital. We will be labeling each pair of socks with our church information so we can also share the love of Christ! You can drop off your new packs of socks in the box located in the church lobby by Sunday, November 5.
3. Join us for prayer every Tuesday night from 7-8 PM. All are welcome!
4. Every Wednesday morning at 6:30 AM a group of women meet for prayer at the church! Reach out to covenant members Danielle Hoitsma ([leavnalegacy@aol.com](mailto:leavnalegacy@aol.com)) and Al Cimino ([alexandra.m.cimino@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.m.cimino@gmail.com)) for more information.
5. Join us for prayer every Sunday morning from 9-9:30 AM. We meet in the classroom behind the Guest Services desk. All are welcome!

**PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION:** Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that the The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

**SERMON DISCUSSION TIME:** Have someone read the passage: Acts 18:24-28. You can start the discussion by saying: This past Sunday we looked at Acts 18:24-28 and saw the marks of a good preaching:

- (#1) - Good preaching is eloquent and “mighty” in the scriptures (verse 24)
- (#2) - Good preaching is well instructed and fervent in The Spirit (verse 25)
- (#3) - Good preaching is bold with refutation of unbelief (verses 26 & 28)
- (#4) - Good preaching is FULL of Jesus (verse 25)

**QUESTION #1:** Have you ever thought about how many sermons you have listened to in your lifetime? Has it ever occurred to you that it is possible to sit under “bad” preaching? Generally, what has been your normal “posture” when listening to a sermon? As you are listening, are you trying to discern if it is good and sound?

**QUESTION #2:** What might be some things that you can do before, during, and after listening to a sermon to better discern between a good and bad sermon?

**QUESTION #3:** Pastor Peter gave the five following practical applications from his sermon:

- (#1) - Expect opposition to solid sound preaching.
- (#2) - You have a responsibility to sit under sound preaching.
- (#3) - Be thankful if you find good preaching. Recognize your chosen healthy life choice.
- (#4) - Support sound and faithful biblical preaching; receive it well.
- (#5) - Invite others to Biblical teaching when you find it.

Of these five practical applications, which stood out to you the most and why?

**QUESTION #4:** Why should we expect opposition to solid, sound preaching?

**QUESTION #5:** As Pastor Peter said as he ended his sermon, he saved the best mark of good preaching for last, and that is: Good preaching is FULL of Jesus. Why is this the best/most important mark of good preaching? Why is it so important for preaching to be FULL of Jesus?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** Spend time taking ***and recording*** prayer requests and then pray together as a group. *(You may want to consider sending out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives.)*