

WITNESS

We Are All Witnesses of the Resurrection

Week of April 23, 2017

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Acts 1:3-22

Who are we? Why do we exist? Our sole purpose is to reach as many people as possible by creatively revealing the love of the Father through the life of the Son in the power of the Spirit! There was never any "bait and switch" with Jesus. To go from being dead to being alive is a pretty unforgettable experience. The only way to live not making disciples is to not be one. We are ALL Witnesses of the Resurrection - His and Ours! It is time to take the command of Jesus seriously and go to make disciples of all the world. You can start in your neighborhood or at your work. But you must start.

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us.
Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your son to pay our debts and give us a path to you.
We pray that you would be with us now as we seek to reveal how we could all be witnesses to the awesome things you have done and are still doing in our lives. We also pray that we would not hesitate to share our stories of your love with the people in our lives.

Getting Started

- What knowledge/skill do you have that you take for granted?
- Share what you remember about the first time someone shared with you their story of how Jesus was moving in their life.

Digging Deeper

- 1. What does it look like to *Love well, Live Jesus,* and *Believe Big?*
- 2. Discuss how you could improve in the areas of Worshiping, Connecting, Serving, and Sharing.
- 3. What made Jesus' message so urgent in the days of the New Testament? What, if anything, has changed since then?
- 4. Why can't we share the message of Jesus if we aren't living that message? Are you living the message? Are you sharing the message?
- 5. Why do we hesitate to share our story of God's work in our lives?
- 6. Discuss this statement: How much must you hate someone to not share Jesus' message of love, hope and peace with them? How does this statement impact you? Are you offended? Convicted? How does it make you think differently?
- 7. Make a list of some people in your life with whom you could start having a conversation about Jesus. Share with your group the next step you will take in sharing the Gospel with someone.

Living Jesus

This week we have discussed Jesus' resurrection and the impact that event has on our lives today. We have to be aware that we as modern Christians tend to get caught up in the "stuff" of the world when we just have to love God as he has instructed us in the Bible. Our witness of Jesus resurrection can't be denied and has the power to transform lives. All we have to do is put Him at the forefront of our lives and share how Jesus resurrection is changing everything! TO DO: Believe and repent; surrender your selfish agenda and show great courage on purpose to reveal God's love with the world around you.