



## LifeGroup Curriculum

*“We all love a good courtroom drama. The charismatic lawyer calling the witness and grilling them about what they had seen and heard. Being a witness for Jesus has some strange implications for us and how we live in this world. Jesus calls us to be disciples who make disciples but He calls us to do this by being witnesses to the work He is doing in us. What are you a witness to? What have you seen and heard? What “good news” do you have to share?”*

### INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Have everyone close their mouth and not speak as they try to move into a straight line, alphabetically by middle initial.

### SCRIPTURE READING:

#### Acts 1:8

*“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.”*

#### Luke 24:44-49

*“44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for[a] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

### Footnotes

a. Luke 24:47 Some manuscripts “and”

## Rooted: Witnesses

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When Jesus says that His disciples will receive the Holy Spirit and become witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth, what was He saying? Why were these regions so significant for Him to mention?
2. I love Luke 24:45 (CJ). What does Jesus mean by saying this? What does this imply about the Scriptures?
3. Flip through the Pauline letters introductions. Note that he shares the basic Gospel message in nearly every one, right off the bat. He's always writing to Christians in these letters, people who should already know this message. Why does Paul continue to share it over and over (and over and over) again? What implications does this have for us today?
4. What does Luke 24:47 mean? Are we to proclaim forgiveness or repentance? Why? What does this look like practically?



### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the role of a witness in a courtroom?
2. What are the duties of a courtroom witness? What aren't the duties of a witness? How does this partner with our identity as a witness of Jesus Christ?
3. If we are not witnesses of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (we were born thousands of years too late) like the Apostles, how does their witness, differ from our own? What are we all witnesses of through the Scriptures and in our own lives?
4. How do we proclaim the Gospel in our day to day lives?
5. What good is a witness who doesn't share what they've seen and heard?
6. What are you a witness to? Share how God has worked in your life (over all or this past week).

### CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.

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*"To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."*

-CARDINAL SUHARD