



WITNESS Sermon Study Guide

Week 1: The Power of an Invitation

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1. What do you think of when you hear the word Witness or Evangelism?
2. Can you think of a time when you witnessed to someone? How did it go?

Read John 4:1-42

God often chooses ordinary, even unlikely, individuals to be His witnesses. The story of the woman at the well in John 4 illustrates this truth. Despite her societal status and personal struggles, her encounter with Jesus led her to invite her entire town to meet Him. We don't need to have all the answers or live perfect lives to share the Gospel; we simply need to be willing to invite others to "come and see."

1. In what areas of your life do you feel inadequate or unqualified to share your faith?
2. How can you allow God's strength to shine through your weaknesses today?

Evangelism is not about our abilities but about joining the conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with others. We are invited to participate in what God is doing, trusting that the Spirit will lead and guide us, after all, the Holy Spirit is the true evangelist!

1. How can you be more attentive to the Holy Spirit's leading in your interactions with others?
2. What steps can you take to join in the conversation He is already having with those around you?

Ryan reminded us about the profound power of an invitation. A simple invitation has the potential to open doors to new and transformative experiences. Just as Jesus invited His disciples to "come and see," we are called to extend this invitation to others, trusting that God will work through our willingness to share.



Did you know that 9 out of 10 people who attend any church meeting do so because a friend or family member invited them? And did you know that according to NCLS research, nearly ½ of Australians claim they would go to church if a good friend or a family member invited them personally?

1. How do you feel when you hear those statistics?
2. What is the importance of community and relationships in spreading the Gospel?

Read Matthew 28:19-20

1. Reflect on a time when you received an invitation that changed your life.
2. Who in your life could you invite to experience something new, whether it's coming along to church, small group, the Alpha course, or simply having a conversation about faith?
3. Is there anything else from Ryan's message that stood out to you?