

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: Empowered to Witness

Passage: Acts 1:8

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Discussion Questions

1: The power to witness doesn't come from our own effort. It's the Spirit who gives us strength. Can you think of a time when you felt God helped you do or say something you didn't feel capable of on your own?

2: A witness isn't an expert—it's someone who tells what they've seen or experienced. How would you describe the difference between "witnessing" and "trying to persuade" someone about faith?

3: Everyone's story is different—quiet, dramatic, steady, or surprising. All are valuable to God. Which part of your journey with Jesus feels most meaningful to you right now, and why?

4: Our witness starts close to home, in our own "Jerusalem"—the people and places right around us. Who might be in your "Jerusalem" at the moment—someone God may be inviting you to care for or talk to?

5: Samaria represents places or people we might normally avoid or misunderstand, yet God calls us there too. Are there people or situations you find challenging to engage with, where you sense God might be nudging you to step in?

6: God can use even small acts of faithfulness to make a difference far beyond what we see. Can you think of an example where a small act of kindness or prayer had a bigger impact than you expected?

7: Being a witness doesn't have to be dramatic—it's often saying a quiet yes to God where we are. What simple step could you take this week to share God's love, your story, or an act of kindness with someone else?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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