

Lesson 16 – Evangelism & Witness

Introduction

Discipleship is never meant to remain private. Every follower of Jesus is also a witness of Jesus. Evangelism is not just for preachers, but for every believer who has experienced the saving power of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given power to share the gospel with boldness, clarity, and love. This lesson emphasizes that evangelism is both a lifestyle and a calling, and witness flows naturally from transformed lives.

Teaching Session

1. The Power to Witness

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- The Spirit gives power for witness, not just personal growth.
 - Witness begins locally (“Jerusalem”) and extends globally.
 - Evangelism is Spirit-empowered, not human-powered.
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2. The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Evangelism is not optional; it’s a command for every disciple.
 - Making disciples involves sharing, baptizing, and teaching.
 - Jesus’ authority and presence guarantee success in mission.
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3. Salt and Light

Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV)

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a

lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- Witness is not only spoken but lived out.
 - Our lives should reflect Christ’s light in dark places.
 - Good deeds are a testimony that points people to God.
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4. Always Ready to Share

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

- Witness requires preparation; knowing what we believe.
 - Evangelism must be marked by gentleness and respect, not arrogance.
 - Every believer has a testimony that can lead others to Christ.
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5. Everyday Evangelism

- Witness happens in ordinary life: workplaces, families, neighborhoods.
 - Evangelism includes both proclamation (words) and demonstration (love, service).
 - Small acts of kindness open doors for gospel conversations.
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Study & Discussion Questions

1. What does Acts 1:8 teach about the relationship between the Spirit and evangelism?
 2. How does the Great Commission shape your understanding of your role as a disciple?
 3. In what ways can your life serve as “salt and light” in your daily environment?
 4. How can you prepare to share your testimony in a clear and respectful way?
 5. What are some practical ways to make evangelism part of your lifestyle, not just an event?
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Application & Reflection

- **Memory Verse:** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”* (Acts 1:8, NIV)

- **Personal Reflection:** Write down your testimony in three parts: (1) life before Christ, (2) how you encountered Christ, (3) life after Christ. Practice sharing it in two minutes.
 - **Group Activity:** Pair up and practice sharing your testimonies with one another. Then, brainstorm as a group ways you can serve and witness to your local community this month.
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