

Everyone A Witness

The need for sharing the gospel is huge, the fields are ripe but how do we find labourers to engage in this vast mission? In this session, we will look at the biblical call for each of us to be a witness for Christ. Knowing exactly our deep need of Christ as saviour, what are the elements of a genuine conversion to Christ and how does this then work itself out in everyday life both personally and in the corporate setting of being a part of the family of Christ in the local church?

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Acts 1:8 ‘...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.’

I. Corporate prayer and everyone being a witness are the chief heartbeats of church life

- A. Time for a personal inventory
- B. Lessons from Scripture and evidence from the Global South and East

II. The decline of people coming to faith in the Western world

- A. An unnatural situation
- B. Going to the edge to find new stories. What are values? What are styles of witness?

III. Each person finding Christ as Saviour is a miracle of new birth

- A. What are the elements of the gospel?
- B. Obedience of the witness
- C. Salvation on a scrap

IV. The ways and means God uses as everyone becomes a witness for Christ

- A. Words, Works and Wonders
- B. Damascus Road and Emmaus Road

V. Witnessing in a hostile culture

- A. Dependency, Kindness, Judging, Bridge building, Engaging with others, Fragrance

VI. The sent Church

- A. Individually and collectively witnessing to Christ - we all have a story to tell
- B. Local and Global.

Suggested Readings:

Everyone A Witness - Mike Betts