

High School Discussion Guide

Can I Get a Witness: For the week of April 11 - 17, 2021

Main Thoughts and Scriptures:

Coming out of Easter, we are reminded of Jesus' great victory over sin and death. Remembering the mission Jesus gave to us before ascending into Heaven is just as important as remembering His sacrifice. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to empower us. However, this power wasn't only for us to experience in our lives. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses. The type of "witness" Jesus is talking about is someone who not only experiences God working in their life, but someone who shares their experiences with others. Jesus commissioned us to share His power and love with everyone in the world. God has strategically placed us in areas He wants us to start with, and until every single person in the entire world is saved, our mission is not over yet.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹After saying this He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him. ¹⁰As they strained to see Him rising into Heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into Heaven? Jesus had been taken from you into Heaven, but someday He will return from Heaven in the same way you saw Him go!" (Acts 1:8-11 NLT)

"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from last week's message, the main thought, or scriptures? Why? How does that relate to your life?
- What makes it difficult for you to share about Jesus with others? What adjustment can you make to change to overcome that?
- What are some places in your life now where you can start being a "witness"? Who is (at least) one person you can start with? Practically, how will you do that this week? Have someone in the group write everyone's answers down so we can hold each other accountable. Before next week's group, have a quick update on how everyone did.

Prayer Point:

- Pray that God would help each of you be His witnesses wherever He has placed you (use the answers to question 3 as a template for what to pray for).