



Eye Witness

Group #1: Eye Witness

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QUOTE:

“If you had the cure to cancer, wouldn't you share it? ... You have the cure to death ... get out there and share it.

- Kirk Cameron

Pastor's Big Point: This installment of group lessons is based on the realization that the best marketing tool for Jesus is word of mouth. There is nothing as powerful as one person telling another person about Jesus. Being a witness for where you've come from, how good Jesus has been to you, and what has happened in your life, is nothing short of a miracle. We have not been kept by our own power nor our own might; we have been kept by God's spirit. For some reason, we become a committee of one with fire and desire when we are faced with something negative—we tell the whole story on social media when we have had a bad experience with a business or restaurant; but we have a tendency to keep quiet when we've had a blessed and beautiful encounter with the Lord. When we experience divine favor, why do we act like it's our exclusive right to bask in it alone? Why don't we keep that same energy and give our firsthand eyewitness account about the goodness of God? We need to be encouraged to make Jesus famous, take Him viral, and evangelize everywhere.



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Before you were a blessed and highly favored, Holy Ghost saved and fire-baptized saint basking in the goodness of the Lord (wink-wink), who told you about God? What was your experience being evangelized to?

Pastor's Teaching Points

1. Presence
2. Persuasion
3. Proclamation
4. Perfection

Reference Scriptures:

Consider the following scriptures and how they tie into or effect our lesson.

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Discussion Questions:

1. What fears or struggles are keeping you from sharing your faith?
 - a) What truths about God can you meditate upon to fight against those fears?
2. When was the last time you had a conversation with a nonbelieving friend about spiritual matters?
 - a) What was their response? How did it go?
3. Let's do a role play! Here's a scenario – You're on lunch break with a coworker having casual conversation, and they inquire about your weekend. What would you say to evangelize to them about your relationship with God?