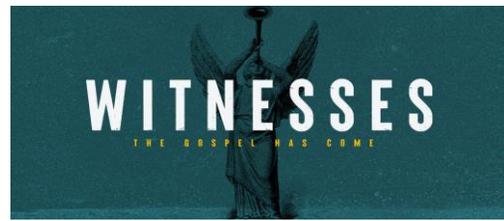


# Groups Sermon Based Questions

## Witnesses

May 3 & 4, 2025



<p><a href="#">Peter</a></p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>Peter experienced transformation through the Holy Spirit. His story bears witness to the risen Jesus who transformed him from denying Jesus to boldly bearing witness to Him.</p>
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### Scripture: Acts 1:1-9, 2:1-40

#### Engage

##### Optional Icebreaker Question

1. **Why do we get more excited to share about other things (cars, sports, interests) vs Jesus? Whether that is in your Christian social-circles or non-Christian social-circles?**

##### Study

**Series Overview:** “In this series we’ll look at 5 individuals in the Book of Acts who were witnesses to the fact that Jesus is alive and invites everyone to be part of His Kingdom under His loving rule. They’re each a unique person, in unique circumstance in a unique part of the world; all sharing the same message. We’ll challenge each other with the fact that the calling hasn’t changed! We are called to be witnesses and every person’s story matters, having the power to uniquely share the message that Jesus is alive” – Jeremy Cook.

#### Read Acts 1:1-9

1. **What does it mean to be a ‘witness’ of Jesus(v.8)? How is this different from just ‘believing’ in Jesus?**

*(Leader notes: Witness/testifies comes from the same Greek work (martyrs)...a person who testifies to what they have seen, heard, or experienced – concerning the truth of Jesus)*

2. **Why is it significant that Jesus continue His work through the church by the Holy Spirit rather than physically staying?** (Leader notes: John 16:7-15)

#### Read Acts 2:1-40

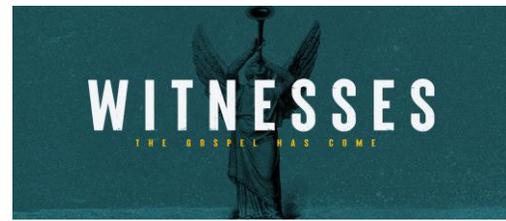
3. **What initial thoughts, questions or curiosities do you have regarding this Passage?**
4. **Why do you think the Holy Spirit manifested Himself as wind, fire and in different languages? What does this reveal about God and His heart for others?**
5. **Peter emphasizes the resurrection of Jesus as *the central point*. Why must resurrection be the central message when we ‘witness’ to others? Do you agree/disagree? Or do you think resurrection is a hard and foreign concept to talk about? Why?**
6. **Peter’s message ‘pierced/cut their hearts’ (v.37). Has there been a moment where God’s Word cut you to the heart in similar ways? What happened?**

*(Leader Notes: In the same way, how have you personally experienced Hebrews 4:12).*

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7. Because of the Holy Spirit, Peter's radical transformation went from denying Jesus to boldly proclaiming Him. **How has the Holy Spirit transformed you to live and love differently? More specifically, speaking more boldly of Jesus?**

Prior to receiving the Holy Spirit and His encounter with Jesus, Peter had his own way of being a witness to Jesus that may have come from a place of fear, self-preservation or comfort.

8. **What uncomfortable places might Jesus be inviting you to be more bold in how you live as a witness for Him? What hesitations, fears, or reservations do you have?**

9. **Why does 'your story' matter when you 'witness' about Jesus to others? And do you have any helpful tips for others in how to share your testimony?**

(Leader notes: 1 Peter 3:15... extra challenge – can you share your story to someone in less than 90 seconds that would highlight and testify to the risen Jesus in your life?)

#### Reflection and Prayer

1. **This week, reflect on what it means to be Spirit Empowered. Invite and have a conversation with the Holy Spirit on what this looks like in your life and for others around you.**