

EMPOWERED TO WITNESS

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Discuss the implications of speaking to people in their "native language" (Acts 2:8). Do you think this refers only to formal languages?
2. God's summary judgment in Acts 5:1-6 can be jolting to us. Why do you think God acted so decisively in this case? What were the results (5, 11)? What lessons can we learn?
3. Do you believe Stephen's last words were a gospel witness (Acts 7:54-60)? What message did it send? What do you want your final life-message to be?

4. How important are the truths from Acts 11:15-18 (God saves anybody. God saves equally.) for us today? Identify some people groups we tend to view skeptically, and pray for God to help us reach out to them.
5. How does the reality that the Holy Spirit chooses between qualified people help us to support others who are called to different ministries from us (Acts 13:1-3)?

III. Making it Personal

6. The presence of the Holy Spirit addresses many of the challenges we face in witnessing. Which of the issues we studied this week was most helpful to you?
7. What step(s) do we need to take to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our witnessing?
8. What stood out to you most from this week's study?

IV. Prayer