

We are Witnesses

oBEtient: Part 3

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Review: oBEtient

What we do flows out of _____.

I. Witness is something we are and something we do.

μάρτυς - a witness, a testimony,

μαρτυρέω – to bear witness, to testify

A witness has an obligation to testify.

II. We are in a long line of witnesses.

- The people of Israel

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen...”

Isaiah 43:10

- Jesus

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

- The disciples

...you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

- Those who believe and receive the gift of the Spirit

...the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning...

Acts 11:15

III. The Holy Spirit overcomes our barriers to being a witness.

Why do we struggle to witness?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How does the Holy Spirit overcome each one?

We are witnesses, so we share what we've experienced.

Digging Deeper

- Have you ever witnessed something that you needed to share? Were you excited or hesitant to share it?
- If you are a follower of Jesus, what happened that caused you to make that decision? Have you ever shared your experience with someone else?
- Do you consider being a witness of Jesus to be part of your identity? How often do you find yourself testifying about Jesus? In what situations?
- If you don't find yourself testifying about Jesus very often, what do you feel is your greatest barrier? How can the Holy Spirit help overcome that barrier?
- LifeWay's GIC is this week. Is there a specific event or specific guest that you are most looking forward to? Which events are you planning to participate in?

****Leaders, please make sure you review the overall schedule and your group's plan for meeting with a GIC guest!**

- Virtual Prayer Walks each morning by email
 - Monday 7 p.m.: Zoom with Kevin and Rachel
 - Wednesday 7 p.m.: Kick-Off Service
 - Thursday/Friday 6:30 p.m.: Small Group Gatherings
 - Saturday 9am: Workshops / 5 p.m.: International Dinner
 - Sunday 10 a.m.: Commitment Service
- Spend some time praying for the work that God wants to do through the GIC—personally and as a church family.