

the Gifts of the Spirit for the work of the Kingdom



Life Group Study: “The Gift of Witnessing” – Acts 2

The Holy Spirit’s greatest gift to the Church is the **ability to witness**—to testify boldly and personally to the risen Jesus.

The Spirit doesn’t come just to inspire private spirituality, but to empower public testimony.

1. Warm Up (10 min)

Discussion starter:

When have you been so convinced of something that you couldn’t help but tell others about it? What made your words persuasive—not your skill, but your conviction?

2. Read the Word (10 min)

Read **Acts 2:1-4, 14-24, 32-36** aloud.

Ask:

- What is the main thing Peter is talking about in his message?
- What difference do you notice in Peter compared to before Pentecost?

3. Explore the Meaning (25 min)

A. The Spirit Gives “the Ability to Do”

Luke 24:49 — “Stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:8 — “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”

- The Greek word *dunamis* means “*the ability to do.*”
What “ability” did the disciples suddenly gain on the Day of Pentecost?
- Why do you think *witnessing*—not miracles or tongues—is described as the central purpose of this new power?

B. From Advocates to Witnesses

“You can be an advocate for Christianity without ever experiencing Christ.” — *Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

- What’s the difference between *advocating for Jesus* and *witnessing for Jesus*?
- How can we tell when our faith talk is second-hand (advocacy) versus first-hand (witness)?

C. The Content of Our Witness

Peter’s Spirit-filled message is all about Jesus:

1. **The Resurrection** – *Acts 2:24, 32*
 2. **The Lordship of Jesus** – *Acts 2:36*
- Why is the **resurrection** central to our witness?
 - In what ways can we “witness to the power of the resurrection” today—not as historians, but as people made new by His Spirit?

Read *Philippians 3:10* and *Romans 8:11* together.

4. Apply & Pray (20 min)

Personal reflection:

- Where has fear, apathy, or self-doubt silenced your witness lately?
- Who in your life needs not just your arguments about faith but your *story* of Jesus at work?

Group prayer:

Pray Acts 1:8 together aloud.

Then invite the group to pray short prayers like:

“Holy Spirit, give me the ability to witness.”

“Make Jesus real in me so that others see Him.”

Pray by name for specific friends, family, or neighbours who need to encounter Christ through someone’s witness.

5. This Week’s Challenge

Ask the Holy Spirit each morning:

“Who can I witness to today?”

Look for opportunities not to debate or persuade, but to simply *testify*—to say, “Here’s what Jesus has done in my life.”