

SERMON NOTES:



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Practicing the Way
WITNESS 1.0

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Somebody Told Somebody

- The gospel travelled through generations from Jesus, to Peter, all the way down.
- We are here because somebody told somebody, who told us.

Sent to Witness

- Jesus sent:
 - The Twelve
 - The Seventy-Two
 - The Church
- Acts 1:8
 - "You will be my witnesses."
- A witness tells what they have seen and experienced.

The Gospel

- The Gospel moves outward (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Ends of the Earth)
- Gospel = Evangelion (Good News).
- In Roman culture an 'evangelion' was a royal announcement (new emperor or victory).
 - Christians also declared an evangelion: Jesus is King. His Kingdom has come.

Everyone preaches a Gospel

- Every culture (or sub culture) tells a certain good news story.
- Christians share the Gospel of Jesus.

Five common thresholds Westerners cross on their journey to faith:

1. Trust a Christian
2. Become curious
3. Become open to change
4. Seek God
5. Follow Jesus

Witness Begins with Relationship

- Different methods reach different people.
- Context matters.
- Australians often need relationship before they are open to conversation.
- We aren't just called 'to witness'. But to BE witnesses.

Love Comes First

- "Christ's love compels us." 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- Witness is not pressure. Witness is compassion.
- God is already at work in people's lives. We would do well to prayerfully join what God is already doing.

This Week's Challenge

- Identify locations where you already rub shoulders with people who don't know Jesus.
- Pray for those people daily.
 - Ask God to grow compassion and genuine love in your heart.
 - Ask God to show you where he is already at work in that place, and where you can reflect Him as a citizen of a different Kingdom.

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Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did

