

Blessed²

Found People Find People

Found people find people (Acts 1:4-8). The world is desperate for all that Jesus offers, and it is our responsibility as His followers to be a witness to the people around us. If we truly care about them, we cannot keep the good news of all that Jesus has accomplished for us to ourselves. Even if being a witness looks weird, makes us uncomfortable, or even puts a relationship at risk, it is worth the possibility that someone lost be found. Thankfully, we can be witnesses for Jesus to those around us through the power of the Holy Spirit. He gives us strength, especially when we feel inadequate, unprepared, and afraid. And a helpful tool in being a witness is the acronym BLESS (Begin with Prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share your Story).

GET THINGS STARTED

What is the one thing that you can talk about nonstop because you love it and are a passionate geek about it? What keeps us from having that same excitement and fire towards being a witness for what Jesus has done in our lives?

GO DEEPER

1. According to Romans 6:23, what is the *gift* we receive through Jesus? Why is it a *gift*, and what else did the death and resurrection of Jesus accomplish for us?
2. In Acts 1:4-8, what is the connection between receiving the power of the Holy Spirit and being witnesses for Jesus? What does the empowerment of the Spirit look like, and how do we know if we have received it? In Acts 1:8, why is the word *will* significant?
3. What does the phrase *found people find people* mean?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. To what degree do you carry a *found people find people* mindset? Do you consider yourself an active witness for Jesus? Why or why not?
2. Have you received the power of the Holy Spirit (and do you want to receive it)? What do you think it would take for you to receive that power, or more of that power, so that you can be a more effective witness for Jesus?
3. How familiar are you with the BLESS strategy and acronym? What steps in the strategy are easiest or most difficult for you? What is a next step for you in implementing this strategy?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group to intentionally pray that you become more active witnesses for Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give you a greater, deeper revelation as to all that Jesus accomplished through His death and resurrection. Ask Him to allow the reality and power of the cross to overwhelm your heart and mind with overflowing joy and enthusiasm. And pray for newfound courage and boldness to engage those around you that are lost.