

## Are You a Good Witness

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

John 1:19-34

#### Discussion Questions

1. Share about spectacular event have you witnessed in your life. How did you react to it?
2. A witness is someone who gives an account based on personal knowledge or experience. A witness says “This is what I’ve seen... heard... encountered.” The Gospel of John is a witness account of Jesus Christ. John 20:31 reads, “*But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.*” Jesus is the Son of God. Believe in Him and you may have life. Is that your witness? Do people understand the Gospel from you clearly? Are you a good witness for Jesus Christ?
3. Read John 1:19-34. This passage teaches us three characteristics of a good witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. First is that *a good witness makes clear that he is not the Christ (v. 19-21)*. The ministry of John the Baptist drew such a large following of people. How did the religious leaders in Jerusalem react to his popularity? What did they ask him about his identity? What was John the Baptist’s response? Discuss how, when people ask you about certain aspects of your life, you can take attention away from yourself and direct it toward the Lord.
4. Secondly, *a good witness directs others to Christ (v. 22-28)*. Being a good witness involves recognizing who are are and who you are not. The religious delegation from Jerusalem was not content with John’s denials of who he was. What further questions did they ask him (v. 22)? What was John the Baptist’s response (Isaiah 40:3)? According to John the Baptist, what was his job in connection to the Messiah? You, too, are voices to get people

ready, to prepare the way to the King. Share how you convey to others that the gospel is not about you, but is about Christ alone.

5. Thirdly, *a good witness testifies clearly about Christ (v. 29-34)*. The Jews are familiar with the image of the sacrificial lamb and tied that image to the Passover of Exodus 12. What does it mean when John testifies that the sacrifice of this Lamb “takes away” the sin of the world? Do you include in your witness the fact that Jesus’ sacrifice was completely adequate for the needs of all people? John’s public testimony climaxes in his identification of Jesus as the Son of God. He pointed people to Jesus. Discuss how you can point people to Jesus in your daily life at school or work, with friends and especially with your family.

### Walk

Examine your Christian walk. How is your witness? Do people understand your message, the Gospel clearly? Are you a good witness for the Lord? A good witness makes clear you are not the Christ. A good witness testifies clearly about Christ. Do these describe you? Think of a way you can be a voice for Jesus. In what particular way can you possibly direct others to Christ?

### Worship & Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me so much. That love was so clearly demonstrated when You sent Jesus Christ to die and take away the sins of the world. I am grateful that You have given those who believe in Your Son the privilege to be your voice so that others will hear about Your saving grace. I wholeheartedly and humbly accept that responsibility, trusting that all the while You are fully in control and that You will guide my lips and actions. May my life’s testimony will be a channel of blessing so that others who see can be drawn closer to you. I pray these in Jesus’ Name. Amen.*