

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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Be a Witness - #3 in the series: *Make Disciples*

Texts Referenced (NRSV): I John 1: 1-3

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. What does it mean to witness? To be a witness?
 - How do we think about the meaning of witness in a secular context? In a religious or spiritual context?
 - What has been your experience of being a witness?
3. **Read I John 1: 1-3.**

Consider how the writer begins this letter to the Christians at Ephesus.

 - What credibility is being established by the writer?
 - Why might it have been important for the writer to establish himself as a credible witness in his knowledge of Jesus?
4. Which of the following questions are helpful to you in recalling the ways you've witnessed God in your life?
 - How is God at work in my life?
 - How has God answered prayer in my life?
 - How has the Holy Spirit guided me in my life?
5. Now consider these questions in helping organize how you might share your witness with someone else:
 - *Who is Jesus to me?*
 - *Why do I follow Jesus?*
 - *What is so compelling about Jesus' story in my life?*
 - *What part of my story intersects with the story of Jesus?*
 - Which of these aspects of your witness seems most exciting to share? Most challenging?
 - Why is the prospect of sharing our witness sometimes intimidating or fearful?
 - When have you been able to share your spiritual witness with someone? What happened?
6. How can we pray for you