

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

How Great Thou Art, For All You've Done, His Mercy is More, Great and Worthy of Praise

WELCOME

Crossroad. Name one person you met at a crossroad of your life who significantly helped to change the trajectory of your life journey.

WORD

ACTS 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Consider what it would be like if God's people are pursuing God's purpose for their lives. Surely, amazing things will happen when ordinary people allow God to use them in extraordinary ways. In the mission field, there are no spectators and no benchwarmers. Everyone should be part of fulfilling the purpose for which Christians are called—to honor God and make Christ committed followers who will make Christ committed followers (**Matthew 28:18–20**). This mission is God's purpose for every believer.

But we need a good strategy to be able to carry it out. Begin with our family wherein the parents are talking about God and the Bible with their children. At work or in school, do things excellently to gain people's respect, then do 'Pray-Care-Share.' As we disciple people, we baptize them into God's family, teaching them how to live for Jesus. Keep in mind that making disciples is about living out who we are as the salt and light of the world. Surely, this is 'mission impossible' without the power of God.

THE POWER (WHAT WE WILL RECEIVE)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

The power from the Holy Spirit reminds us of the importance of the Spirit-filled life. We cannot be witnesses without the Holy Spirit. In the first place, such a Spirit-filled life is the normal Christian life.

This word "power" in the verse comes from the Greek word 'dunamis' which means to achieve something, or to accomplish a task. It is specifically associated with the supernatural power from the Holy Spirit that will enable us to accomplish our role in God's mission.

This power is not to draw attention to ourselves but to point people to Jesus. If we know we have a mission and we are comforted by the fact that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to accomplish it, we will be humbled in the process (**Romans 1:16**).

If at times you fear to share the gospel because you think you are inadequate, you are not alone. The Apostle Paul felt the same. That is why he did not speak with persuasive words but in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit so that people would not rest on his wisdom, but on the power of God (**1 Corinthians 2:1–5**).

THE PURPOSE (WHO WE ARE)

"You shall be My witnesses..."

The first requirement for us as a witness is a personal knowledge of what we are to testify. Next is the credibility for saying the truth. Lastly is being able to say what we know. Just as we need to know what we are saying, we also must say what we know. We may not know everything, but whatever we know about Jesus, we are to delight in speaking of it (**John 9:24–25**).

As followers of Christ, we have an important message to deliver to the world. If sharing this message, we are like a postman who does not deliver the mail to the right recipients. We will be doing a disservice to our relatives and friends for the undelivered message due them.

Witnessing and making disciples for Jesus should not be a chore or a burden. It is to be an overflow of who we are—people who personally experienced the wonderful story of Jesus in our life.

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THE PLAN (WHERE ARE WE TO WITNESS)

“In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Not all followers of Jesus will be able to go all over the world to make disciples. But we are to be witnesses wherever we are right now. And wherever we are right now, that is our Jerusalem. Our wider sphere of influence would be our Judea and Samaria.

Young people today have amazing opportunities to be witnesses of Jesus. A lot of young committed followers of Jesus have been witnesses to their own families. They did it by speaking about Jesus, by demonstrating the love of Jesus through their character, and by their

credibility in doing excellently with their studies, for example.

This all leads to the importance of the local church in disciple making. The local church is:

- A spiritual family that helps people grow in their relationship with Jesus and with one another.
- A salt-shaker that is meant to shake and scatter believers to be the salt of this decaying world in need of Jesus.

A serious choice that is almost as important as choosing our lifetime spouse. It is a choice that will have an impact for the rest of our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. **Witness to Disciple.** How is **Acts 1:8** related to **Matthew 28:18–20**? Who is speaking and who is it spoken to?
2. **Power to Witness.** When was the last time you witnessed for Jesus? What did you witness about?
3. **Moved!** To whom are you moved to reach out and share Jesus to? Cite ways by which you can witness to them.

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

“Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of our delight in being disciples of Jesus.” – David Platt

Share your joy and delight as a disciple of Jesus to young people this week. Live out being the salt of the tasteless earth and the light of this dark world. Commit to pray, care and share with at least one young person starting today.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends