

# Witness: Who are You?

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## GETTING STARTED

When someone asks: “Who are you?” - how do you typically respond? *Why?*

## OVERVIEW

We are all a witness to something or someone. John the baptist shows us that being a witness to Jesus means understanding who we are *not* (we are not God or the messiah), who we really *are* (we are witnesses and have a testimony), and who *Jesus* is (“the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world’). Understanding who we are in relation to Jesus helps us have a proper witness.

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1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read John 1:19-28:** In your own words, what is “the testimony of John” in this passage?
  - What does it mean for John to be a voice/witness to Jesus? What about for *you*?
3. **Read John 1:29-34:** John was the son of a priest, so how do you think his childhood frames his declaration of Jesus: “Behold, the lamb of God!”? (see **Hebrews 10:1-14**)
  - Why does John say twice that the Spirit “remained” on Jesus?
4. **Read Acts 26:1-23:** Observe how Paul shares his testimony here:.
  - 1) What details does he include about his life before knowing Jesus? (**v. 9-11**)
  - 2a) What does Paul share about his encounter with Jesus? (**v. 12-18**)
  - 2b) How does Paul weave the gospel into this part of his testimony?
  - 3a) How is Paul’s life different now that he knows Jesus? (**v. 19-23**)
  - 3b) How is God present in the good and bad of Paul’s life?

## APPLY

5. What things do you need to remind yourself you are *not* this week? How can you do this?
6. Where has God placed you as a witness? How can you use your unique testimony there?
7. Take some time to share (or write out) your own testimony by briefly explaining:.
  - 1) What was your life like before you knew Jesus? What was missing? (1-2 min)
  - 2) How did you come to know Jesus? *Why* did you trust in Jesus? (1-2 min)
  - 3) What is your life like now that you know Jesus? How is God present? (1-2 min)