



LIFE ON THE EDGE Radio Bible Study #23:
Witnessing

Intent of Study: To show that every true disciple of Christ is born into the Kingdom of God as a missionary.

Focus It: Luke 19:10 Jesus has come to seek and save the lost and He has given us that same mission.

1. Matthew 9:35-38
2. Romans 10:13-15
3. Matthew 28:18-20
4. Matthew 4:19
5. John 8:12
6. Matthew 5:14, 16
7. Acts 26: 16, 18
8. John 1:38-45
9. Luke 8:37-40
10. John 4:3-18, 25-30, 39
11. Luke 3:16
12. John 3:27-30
13. John 12:32
14. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
15. Romans 1:16
16. Ezekiel 33:7-9
17. John 20:19-21

Share It:

It was a beautiful sunny day. One of those days you look outside the window and you say to yourself "Oh, can't stay inside in such a beautiful day as this". Mother thought to herself, "This is a wonderful day to spend at the park". So she took her three children to the park. Before they went along to play she warned them not to leave the playground area where the sand was. Michael, he loves to make new friends, so he soon made some new friends and began to play. Victoria saw one of her friends from school there and began to play with her. Little Elizabeth as she often did, followed her sister Victoria. All of a sudden little Elizabeth sees a butterfly. She is captivated by it and begins to follow it. She was so involved with the butterfly that she didn't realized she was leaving the playground area in the sand and had gone beyond to the grassy area. As she was following this butterfly she came to an anthill behind a big tree. She soon became captivated by the little ants carrying pieces of food and other things to their ant hill. Suddenly mother looks around the playground, she sees Michael, she sees Victoria, but . . . where is little Elizabeth. Mom began to search for her all over the playground. She looked beyond the playground but couldn't find her. Mom was beginning to get worried. Her heart was filled with anguish. She began to think of the terrible things that could be happening

to Elizabeth. "Michael have you seen Elizabeth". "She is with Victoria" he replied. "Victoria where is Elizabeth". "She . . . well, she was here a little bit ago. I don't know where she went." Michael and Victoria became worried about their little sister Elizabeth and they join mom in the search. Meanwhile Elizabeth didn't realized she had gone beyond the protection of her mother; she had no idea the danger she had placed herself into. Mom, Michael and Victoria continue to search until they found Elizabeth and brought her safely to her mothers protection.

There is a Father in heaven who has lost His children. His heart is filled with anguish and pain much deeper than this mother could ever fill. Are we like Michael and Victoria going to join in the search for our brothers and sisters or are we going to continue playing while our brethren our out of God's protection where their lives are at stake? It could be your son, daughter, mother, father, ...will you help God find His children?

1. **Matthew 9:35-38** - Jesus had compassion on the multitudes. Do you have compassion on the multitudes?

Why was he so concern about the fact that there were not enough laborers?

2. **Romans 10:13-15** - Salvation is in Jesus, and how are they going to receive salvation if they do not know Him, and how are they going to know Him if no one tells them of Him?

Who are the laborers?

3. **Matthew 28:18-20** - Who is Jesus sending out as laborers? His disciples
Was He referring just to the 12 disciples? No, to all His disciples through out the ages
How do we know that? "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"
Has the world ended? No. Are those 12 disciples alive today? No. Then he must be talking to you and me, to all who through the ages have chosen to follow Him.

Many times fear of not having the ability to do the work is what keeps us from doing it, but Jesus gives us words of encouragement here . . . "ALL power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." and His very next words are "Go ye therefore"

When He sends us, His power goes with us.

Who are we to go to? *All nations, everyone*

What are we to do? *Teach them all that Jesus has commanded.*

Can we call ourselves followers of Christ and not take part in the work of saving souls?

4. **Matthew 4:19** - "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." If we follow Him what does Jesus says He will do? Make us fishers of men. In other words soul winners.
Then if we are not soul-winners what does that say? We are not following Him!
Think about it, Jesus' life was all about saving souls. If we are following Him, we will be doing the same thing. Can we be close to Jesus without taking part in His work?

5. **John 8:12** - "I am the light of the world"

What does He says about those that follow Him? shall not walk in darkness

Let's look at it more clearly . . .

6. **Matthew 5:14,16** - "Ye are the light of the world" "Let your light so shine . . ."
What does God call us here? light. If we follow Him we will become light as He is light.
What happens when we become light and let our light shine?

7. **Acts 26:16-18** - We will turn others from darkness into light.
Notice that Jesus said: "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness" When Jesus comes into our lives He makes us witnesses. Witnesses of what? of the things we have seen. Our experience with God, that we have learned and experienced from God.

Let's look at some examples in the Bible of people who when Jesus appeared unto them they became witnesses for Him.

8. **John 1:38-45 - Andrew and Phillip**
vs. 38-42

After Andrew saw Jesus who did he tell? His brother.

vs. 43-45

After Phillip meets Jesus who did he tell? His friend.

Let's look at another example . . .

9. **Luke 8:37-40**

Who did he witness to? everyone in the city.

Tell everyone you know, your neighbors, people you work with, your hair dresser, your banker, the person who takes care of you at the store . . . EVERYONE

10. **John 4:3-18, 25-30, 39**

vs. 3-4

It says he MUST needs to go through Samaria. Where there no other way to get to Galilee? Why must Jesus go through Samaria? He had a divine appointment.

vs. 5-9

We must not let the differences keep us from witnessing

vs. 10-18

There is no secrets for God. Nothing can be hidden from Him.

vs. 25-30

The woman "left her waterpot" and went to the city and told the men, "come see"

vs. 39

As a result of her faithful witnessing many in that city believed in Jesus

Let us look at one more example . . . We are going to look at John the Baptist. John was chosen for a very special purpose. He was a very powerful witness. What made His witnessing so powerful? Let's see.

11. **Luke 3:16** - "one mightier than I commeth". Hold that thought, now let us go to . . .

12. **John 3:27-30** - "He must increase, but I must decrease."

What is John doing in both cases? Taking the focus off of him, and pointing the hearer to Christ. Why? We see a clear answer in . . .

13. **John 12:32** - Jesus is the center.

What happens when we lift Jesus up in our home, neighborhood, workplace, etc.? *He will draw all men unto Himself.*

14. **2 Corinthians 5:17-20** - "God who had reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ"

You may say, but what are they going to say? What are my neighbors going to think of me if I share Christ with them? My coworkers will think I'm weird if I talk about God. The Bible has some encouraging words for you . . .

15. **Romans 1:16** - not ashamed, Why? "for it is the power of God unto salvation."

Or some may think, it is no point in witnessing to the people I work with they are not interested in hearing about God, they will just rejected. The Bible has some encouraging words for you too . . .

16. **Ezekiel 33:7-9** - Are we responsible for the results? *No, it is up to the individual to respond.* But if we don't tell them, whose hands will their blood be on? *Mine.*

Whose blood will be on your hands?

Appeal:

17. **John 20:19-21** - "My father hath sent me, even so send I you"

Simple Questions and Simple Answers:

1. Q: Luke 10:7

A: Reference to lodging, not witnessing.

Extra:

Isaiah 43:10 - Jesus has called us to be His witnesses

Matthew 10:32,33