

Knox Presbyterian Church Small Group Discussion Questions Better Together Week of October 2nd

Get To Know Each Other

To get started, make sure you everyone knows each other.

• As always, spend some time checking in with the members of your group. Spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last week.

Read Scripture

The Scripture for this week is Acts 1:1-8. Read it out loud and take a moment to reflect upon it.

- What jumps out at you or strikes you?
- What speaks to you?
- What questions do you have?

Group Discussion Questions

Link to Sermon

1. What do you think of when you hear the words 'Christian witness' or 'Christian mission'?

Within the church, sometimes 'Christian witness' is a topic that makes people uncomfortable.

- What have been your own experiences, positive or negative, with Christian witness?
- How do you think about it now?

2. Pastor David defines a witness as 'someone who knows the truth about Jesus, and expresses that truth through words or deeds.'

• What do you make of this definition?

He also contrasts being a witness with being a salesperson or a judge.

- How are those roles different?
- Do these ideas help clarify what is, and is not, authentic Christian witness?

3. People sometimes think that they're 'not a good enough Christian' to be a witness. In fact, the history of the church reveals that God uses flawed and fallible people just like you and me to witness to him.

- Has your faith been shaped or strengthened by people who weren't perfect?
- Where in the past have you been able to offer a witness to someone else (in word or deed)?
- **4.** Take a minute to list some of the urgent problems facing our culture today.
 - How can the gospel speak to these problems?
 - How does it offer hope even in the midst of seemingly insurmountable obstacles?
 - Does reflecting on the hope the gospel offers change your attitude toward Christian witness, or help motivate you to engage in it?

<u>Action</u>

Find one way you can witness to Jesus this coming week. This can be big or small, with a close friend or a stranger, based in words or deeds.

<u>Closing</u>

Share it with your group and pray about it, and then find out how it went next week.