

Created to be...witnesses (Part 1)

Week 5 (October 7th)

Key verse(s): “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

The world around us:

Who is a witness? What does a witness do?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What makes it hard to be a witness? What makes the work of being a witness difficult?

What's in the Word?

Let's expand our view by looking at **Acts 1:6-11**

What would be the difficulty of being one of the disciples and having to be witnesses in the way Jesus was calling them? Identify at least three difficulties in their task.

Are the circumstances of their mission still challenges for us today? Again, consider at least three aspects of their work. (Use extra paper or space to complete your work.)

Let's also consider the witness of some other people Jesus sent. Look up **Luke 10:1-20**.

Did these 72 witnesses have success? What were they supposed to say about Jesus? Did they accomplish their mission?

Here is another classic example of witnesses that you may know very well: **Matthew 2:1-12**.

Who were the witnesses in this account and what message were they supposed to share?

Were they successful? Did they accomplish their mission?

Look in your catechism:

Which parts of the Small Catechism assume that we are meant to be witnesses or call us to be witnesses?

In what way does each part of the Catechism call us to be a witness?

Homework:

Complete this entire worksheet, even if we do not get to it in class.

For next week, watch some part of the proceedings around the recent nominee for Supreme Court Justice, or read a transcript about it and write down your reaction in no less than 5 sentences. As you read or watch, listen for matters of faith and comment specifically on these matters.

Closing Prayer

Please pray for: Those who are witnesses in our community, those who work in our courts and legal system, like lawyers and judges. We will also pray for the proceedings underway now to examine the fitness of our current nominee for Supreme Court Justice – Amy Coney