



Church on Fire: Witness (Back to School Sunday)

Life Group Discussion Guide for
August 12, 2018

1. Share a "back to school" memory. Was there a year that was really difficult for you to head back to school?

2. Being a witness isn't all words (because it has to be backed up by actions), and it's not all actions (because we have to say something eventually).
 - a. How do you balance the words you use and the actions you take?
 - b. Is it easier for you to speak about Jesus or act like Jesus?
 - c. What is the hardest part of being a witness?

3. The words "witness" and "martyr" are connected. In most parts of the world, this makes a ton of sense! In our context, we rarely risk something to talk about Jesus. What are the risks we can take to confess to Jesus? What does it cost you to be a believer? How does following Jesus change your life?

4. What (if anything) holds you back from being a witness to the story of Jesus?
 - a. lack of knowledge
 - b. lack of concern
 - c. lack of courage
 - d. lack of non-christian friends or acquaintances
 - e. nothing--I'm doing it!
 - f. other: _____

5. Spend time together in prayer. Pray for our students heading back to school. Maybe think about the students connected to your life group (kids, grandkids, etc.) and pray for them by name. Pray for teachers and administrators, especially those from Otter Creek. Pray for witnesses and martyrs the world over who have a faith that is costing them something.