

# it's a must

Whenever someone declares “Jesus is Lord!”, that person has forfeited the right to decide which of Jesus’ commands they will obey and which they will ignore. To be a disciple of Jesus is to live a “must” life in a “maybe” world, and this series will examine what that looks like.

## Week 6: Witness Is A Must!

1. Rick began by saying that “*The gospel is more than an announcement, but it is not less.*” What did he mean by that statement and why is it so important to remember? Follow up: What are some challenges you have encountered when sharing the gospel with others?
2. **“YOU MUST TESTIFY”** Every gospel account concludes with Jesus commissioning his disciples to go into the world as witnesses. **Read John 15:26-27.** What assumptions does this reveal that Jesus believed? Follow up: **Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-21.** What are some responsibilities we have as ambassadors for Christ and how does that motivate you?
3. **Secret discipleship is not an option. Read Mark 13:10.** Jesus does not commission us to just be moral humanitarians; he sends us into the world to be faithful witnesses. Why is it important to be both? Follow up: How can you be more than just a 'secret disciple' in your own day-to-day activities?
4. **WE MUST TESTIFY: WORDS are a must!** Rick highlighted the importance of words in Christian witness, stating that *witness without words spreads a false gospel of salvation by goodness.* Why is it important to testify about Jesus rather than just living out good Christian values? How can you balance living a good life and sharing the gospel with others?
5. **WE MUST TESTIFY: COURAGE is a must!** Rick emphasized that *faithfulness will demand fearlessness* as we witness for Jesus. **Read Ephesians 6:19-20.** What specific fears do you have about sharing the gospel with others and how can you face them with God's help?
6. **WE MUST TESTIFY: POWER is a must!** *What Jesus expects Jesus empowers.* **Read Acts 1:8.** How does the Holy Spirit help and empower us to be witnesses for Jesus? Respond to this question Rick posed, “*Could it be that much of the evangelistic apathy among Christians today is the inevitable consequence of their lack of intimacy with the Holy Spirit?*” Follow up: Share some examples of when the Holy Spirit gave you power to testify about Jesus.
7. **ALL MUST TESTIFY: Every person will testify—it's a must.** **Read Philippians 2:10-11.** How should knowing that someday every knee will bow impact how you witness today? Follow up: What actions can you take to become a better witness for Christ? Spend some time praying for the “ones” in your circle of influence who need Jesus and for the funds needed for Harvest Sunday. You can learn more here: <https://thehills.org/harvest/>

