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**Back to the Basics:**  
***Witnessing***

**We are witnesses**

*(Acts 1:6-9; Matthew 28:18-20)*

**We are NOT witnessing**

**I don't *feel* called to that**

*(Matthew 28:19-20; John 15:1-8)*

**I don't *live* like that**

*(Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:12)*

**We must witness**

*(Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 10:2)*

**We must witness in the right way**

**the right words**

*(Colossians 4:4)*

**the right attitude**

*(Philippians 2)*

**We must witness right now**  
**because of [the final destiny of the lost](#)**  
*(Luke 16)*

**because we ARE the church**  
*(Matthew 28:19-20)*

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What is the most difficult part about sharing your faith with someone else?
2. How do you respond to the thought that “*Jesus didn’t say that the entire world should go to church; but he did say that the church should go to the entire world.*”?
3. How might one’s life (or behavior/attitude) help or hurt their witness? Give an example.
4. How does “pragmatic” universalism (*acting as if everyone is going to heaven*) invade the church when we would vehemently oppose theological universalism (*believing that everyone is going to heaven*)?
5. What will it take for us to change and “be” the church rather than just “doing church”?

Quotes from today’s message come from [Autopsy of a Deceased Church](#), Thom Rainer; [Balancing the Christian Life](#), Charles Ryrie; [I Will](#); Thom Rainer; [Radical](#), David Platt; and [The Way Back](#), Phil Cooke and Jonathan Bock.