

"In Acts chapter 4 the disciples cannot help but speak about what they've seen and heard. Do we speak about what we've seen and heard? Can we not help but speak about what we've seen and heard? Perhaps we aren't impassioned to speak about it because we have not taken time to consider what it is we've seen and heard in our own lives as we've encountered Jesus through His Spirit. Join us this week as we learn some tools to help us reflect on what it is we've seen and heard."

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

God Encounters: Share some way you saw God interact in your life this week.

MEMORY VERSE:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. When was the last time you were presented with an opportunity to share what you've seen and heard of Jesus? How did you feel about sharing?
- 2. What have you seen and heard? Have you ever paused to consider that? What are we witnesses of?

- 1. When did you encounter Jesus for the first time? What happened? How did He encounter you?
- 2. What impact did your encounter with Jesus have on you? Your life?
- 3. Name how you've been blessed by God through your relationship with Him.
- 4. How have you seen the Lord move in your life? How has this impacted you?
- 5. Has God ever directed you to do something, spoken to you? How did you respond and what were the outcomes from your responses?
- 6. How has God been orchestrating things in your life? What is this leading to (take a guess!)
- 3. The above questions can lay the groundwork for building your understanding of what you've seen and heard, your witness. Take a piece of paper and draw a timeline on it for your life and start to plot points on it, not just paying attention to things like when you got married or when you were born, but when God moved in your life (hint, He's always moving!) And jot down some things. Consider even rough things and how you've seen God work through those rough things. Once you complete it, share it with your group.
- 4. Consider who God might be laying on your heart for how you might share part (or all) of your witness, what you've seen and heard. How will you make time to share this? (Remember: What good is a witness if they won't give their testimony?!)

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.