

WEEK 3



SCRIPTURE TEXT

**John 1:6-9;
19-28**

**“He came as a witness to testify
concerning that light, so that
through him all might believe.”**

—John 1:7 NIV

Introduction: A Global Mission Begins with a Witness

John the Baptist was not the Christ. He wasn't Elijah. He wasn't the Prophet. But he was something essential: a witness. His role was to point people to Jesus — the true Light who gives light to everyone.

This calling wasn't just for John. It's the calling of every believer. And it's not just local; it's global. Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NIV)

John's Clarity: It's Not About Me

John had clarity about his identity:

- He was sent from God.
- He came as a witness.
- He was not the Light, but he pointed to the Light.

In a world full of noise, ego, and self-promotion, John's humility is refreshing. He knew his role: to prepare the way for Jesus. That's our role too — not to be the answer, but to point to the One who is.

Witnessing in a Global Context

John's ministry drew crowds from Jerusalem and Judea. But Jesus' ministry would reach every nation. Today, the Church is called to be a witness in:

- Urban centers and rural villages.
- Refugee camps and corporate boardrooms.
- Online spaces and unreached tribes.

Wherever we are, we are called to testify to the Light.

Three Essentials of a Global Witness

Let's explore three qualities that make our witness effective — whether in Bloomington or Bangladesh:

1. **Integrity** – Living the Truth

A global witness must be credible. Our lives must match our message. When people see inconsistency — especially across cultures — they don't just question us, they question Jesus.

Integrity means:

- Living out the gospel in public and private.
- Being honest, compassionate, and just.
- Reflecting Christ in our relationships, especially with those closest to us.

2. **Intimacy** – Knowing the One We Represent

We can't witness about someone we don't know. Our power as witnesses comes from our relationship with Jesus. The deeper our intimacy, the clearer our testimony.

This is especially vital in cross-cultural ministry. People may not understand our theology, but they will recognize the presence of Christ in us.

3. **Identity** – Knowing Our Role

We are not the Savior. We are not the solution. We are witnesses — called to point others to Jesus. This frees us from pressure and pride. It also gives us purpose.

Whether we're preaching, serving, teaching, or simply listening, we are bearing witness to the Light.

Personal Reflection: Witnessing in Your World

Take a moment to reflect on your own witness. Think of three key relationships in your life: family, friends, and coworkers. Rate your witness in each from 1 to 5. Then ask:

- What would it take to raise that number?
- What does Christ want to transform in me?
- How can I be a better witness in this relationship?

This kind of reflection is essential — not just for personal growth, but for global impact. The world needs to see Jesus in us.

Conclusion: A Witness to the Nations

John's voice echoed in the desert. Ours must echo across the globe. We are called to be witnesses — not just in word, but in life. Not just in our hometown, but to the ends of the earth.

Let us live with integrity. Let us walk in intimacy. Let us embrace our identity.

The Light has come. Let the world see Him through us.