



# Jesus is All About Life!

*Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)*

## **ALLC Personal Evangelism Series Session 1 – We Are Witnesses**

*Focus of today's session: Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Ac.1:8)*

### **1.1 Introduction**

***What is a witness?*** A witness is one who has a personal knowledge or experience of some fact or event, one whose evidence can be expected to be reliable.

***Witness to what?*** Jesus said we were to be His witnesses, therefore it is to His person and work we are witnesses: to the Gospel. St. Paul said, "I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor.15:3-5)

***Why me?*** You are already a witness! But Jesus also said, "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

***To whom is Jesus sending me as a witness?*** Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt.28:18-20)

***When am I to be a witness?*** St. Paul said to his young disciple and close colleague, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season." (2 Tim.4:2). And St. Peter encouraged readers of his epistle, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Pet.3:15)

***How am I to be a witness?*** In prayer for the lost, in my lifestyle, in my spoken and written words, and my deeds.

## 1.2 First course of action – prayer

Let us begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to prompt you about people that you especially would like to see come into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Write their names here.

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## 1.3 Second course of action – be sure of the Gospel

St. Paul gave us the micro-gospel statement quoted above: "... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." Let us think about some of the questions that might arise from this statement if you were ignorant of the Gospel and had read it for the very first time.

*What is sin?*

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*Why are we sinners?*

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*Who is Jesus Christ?*

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*Why did He die, and how could it be for our sins?*

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*Dead people are usually buried, but why the resurrection?*

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*OK, so now I know all this, why should I do anything about it?*

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*What happens if I don't do anything about it?*

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### **1.3 Third course of action**

- *Pray* for the people you have listed on your prayer card (often!)
- *Think* about how you would tell them about your own personal experience with the Lord, Jesus Christ. We will work on that next week.
- *Meditate* on this Scripture: *Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.* (2 Tim.1:12)