



Beyond Sunday

Title: **Cross the Line**

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Bible Verse(s): **Acts 1:1-8**

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GATHER

These questions help us build connections with one another as we share personal experiences.

- Who is someone who has had a meaningful influence on your faith journey? What did they do that made an impact on you?
- How comfortable are you talking about your faith with people who don't share your beliefs? What tends to make those conversations easier or harder?

GROW

These questions guide us through the Scripture from Sunday's sermon, helping us observe the text and understand more deeply what Jesus is teaching.

Read Acts 1:1–8 together.

1. What had the disciples experienced before Jesus told them to be his witnesses?

- Why do you think Luke emphasizes that Jesus gave them “many convincing proofs” that he was alive?
 - How does the historical reality of the resurrection shape the way we think about sharing our faith?
2. What does Jesus say the disciples will receive before they go?
 - Why is the Holy Spirit important to the mission Jesus gives them?
 - What difference does it make to know that we are called to be witnesses, rather than saviors?
 3. Jesus tells the disciples to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and “to the ends of the earth.”
 - Why do you think Samaria would have been a particularly challenging place for Jesus' disciples to go?
 - What does this reveal about the scope of Jesus' kingdom?
 - What kinds of “lines” might Jesus be asking his followers to cross today?
 4. The sermon described the kingdom of God as life under the good reign of God.
 - What aspects of God's kingdom described in the sermon stand out to you most—justice, reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, freedom from sin and death, or something else?
 - Why is the kingdom of God genuinely good news for everyone, regardless of culture or background?
 5. Read Romans 1:16.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...”

 - What does Paul believe about the power of the gospel?
 - How might shame, fear, or concern about offending others keep us from sharing it?
 - How does trusting the Holy Spirit change the way we approach conversations about Jesus?
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GIVE / GO

These questions help us apply the sermon's takeaways and consider how God is calling us to respond.

Think back over Acts 1:1–8 and Romans 1:16.

1. How does this Scripture challenge or encourage the way you currently think about sharing your faith?
2. What would be one faithful step you could take this week?

Consider:

- Praying regularly for someone who doesn't know Jesus.
- Sharing with someone how Jesus has changed your life.
- Asking someone if they would like to talk about spiritual things.
- Inviting someone to Alpha or another opportunity to explore faith.
- Having the courage to say, "I don't know," when you don't have an answer—and trusting the Holy Spirit.

Challenge: Take a prayer card and write down the name of one person you want to begin praying for. Pray for them throughout the week and ask God for an opportunity to cross the line with love, humility, and courage.

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PRAYER

Ask God to:

- Give us courage to be faithful witnesses.
- Help us share Jesus with humility rather than pressure or pride.
- Give us wisdom to know when and how to speak.
- Help us love people without treating them as projects.
- Open doors for meaningful spiritual conversations.
- Give us confidence in the power of the gospel.
- Work through the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people we are praying for.

Group Prayer Question:

Who is one person you would like the group to pray for this week, and what would you like us to pray for them?

Close by praying Acts 1:8 over one another:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."

GOING DEEPER

If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, consider one of these:

Video

Witness by the Bible Project

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/martus-witness/>

Book

[*The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations* by Mary Schaller and Jonn Crilly](#)

Practice:

B.L.E.S.S.

Write down the name of someone in your life that doesn't know Jesus yet. Engage in this practice:

Begin with Prayer

Listen with Care

Eat together

Serve with Love

Share your Story