Witnesses Refresh Week 4 Series: Witnesses Refresh "Witness through Lifestyle"

READ: Romans 12:17-21.

- 1. What are the biggest barriers to peace with others?
- 2. Why do we seek revenge, and what does God call us to seek instead?
- 3. What power does God give us for honoring everyone, including those who have done harm to us?
- 4. What are some practical ways that we can show love to those with whom we disagree?
- 5. How is evil to be overcome, according to this text? What are practical and gospel-driven ways to do "good"?
- 6. In what ways do our lives ultimately display the gospel that we believe?
- 7. Spend time praying in your Life Group for God to equip Calvary to be a witness through a radical display of God's peace, justice and mercy in our community.



"But you will receive power,
when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem and in all Judea,
and Samaria, and to
the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

WHAT IS THE WITNESSES REFRESH?

In April 2023, we introduced The Witnesses Initiative, a two-year vision initiative based on Jesus' words in Acts 1:8, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, JUNE 2

As part of our *Witnesses Refresh* you will receive a commitment card that looks like this below. In June last year, you committed to 95% of our two-year goal of \$830,000. With one year remaining (July 2024 - June 2025), and knowing that circumstances change, we are once-again asking the Lord how He would have us commit our time, talent and treasure toward the *Witnesses Refresh*.

Please check one:

I am making a new commitment, or I am changing my original commitment for the coming year.



MY/OUR 1-YEAR COMMITMENT (JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025)

\$_____

This represents a change of +/- \$_____from my original commitment.

I made a commitment in 2023, and I plan to continue with that commitment unchanged.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WITNESSES REFRESH

- May 27-May 31: Season of Pray for Witnesses Refresh and Martin family.
- May 31: Martin family moves to Raleigh.
- June 2: Witnesses Refresh Commitment Sunday.
- June 9: Witnesses Refresh Celebration Sunday.
- June 16: Pastor Wes Martin's first Sunday as Assistant Pastor of Equipping.
- July 14: Installation service for Pastor Wes Martin.

SERMON NOTES

Message: Witnesses through Lifestyle Scripture Reference: Romans 12:17-21

1. Marked by God's P_____ (v. 17-18)

2. Marked by God's J_____ (vs. 19)

3. Marked by God's M_____ (vs. 20-21)