Perspective

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So where are your family and friends going to spend eternity - heaven or hell? You can make the difference. I hear many Christians say, "I want to witness, but what do I say?" Many times the hardest part in witnessing is just getting started. When fear grips or they get tongue tied Christians often wonder: "How do I segue this conversation onto the Gospel track?" This is a huge problem because if a Christian does not know how to transition a conversation onto the Gospel track, then they will not be witnessing at all. This book is the solution that contains over 400 Icebreakers to help get you started. These icebreakers are friendly and easy to use and they are listed by location so that you can witness to the lost wherever you go. Many Christians wait to share the Gospel until Christmas or Easter. Many times that is too late because so many young people are killed instantly though car wrecks, drug overdoses or drive by shootings and even middle-aged people die suddenly of heart attacks or some other illness. No one ever knows when their last day on earth will be. It will stir your compassion and give you the needed courage to witness to the lost wherever you go Please be kind, use loving boldness and remember that God is love. All 400 icebreakers Icebreakers are organized in sections under headings: I Want to Witness, But What Do I Say - Around: Entertainment; Financial Affairs; Food; Healthcare; Holidays and Special Times; the Great Outdoors; Shopping or Doing Errands; Sports, Work and Traveling. There is a handy INDEX in the back! Each section contains 7 to 9 different "object evangelism icebreakers." God gave the ideas for these icebreakers when He revealed to me that Jesus taught using objects in his environment in Matthew 13 using parables. Christians can witness like Jesus did through taking an object and making a comment that relates to the Gospel in some way, which makes a great transition or segue into the topic of the Gospel. For e.g.: WATER - "This water reminds me of the living water. Have you ever had any of that water?" Or DOOR - "This door reminds me of what Jesus said (John 10:9) that He is the DOOR to eternal life. Have you ever walked through that door?" Or DOWNLOAD - "Downloading this file or picture reminds me of the time I downloaded Jesus into my heart. Have you ever done that download?" SALT & PEPPER - "These salt and pepper shakers remind me of the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of darkness." Or BREAD - This bread reminds me of what Jesus said: "I Am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry," (John 6:35). Or SUGAR - This sugar reminds me of how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. After you say the icebreaker, you LISTEN to what they say in response and then be led by the spirit in what you say next. It is a "no fail" way to witness to the lost because, even if they do not accept Jesus at that moment, the object is still there to continue to remind them of what you said long after you are gone. After you say the icebreaker, the chapter "Truth to Say to 13 False Religions" will help you even more to witness to: Atheists & Evolutionists, Buddhists, Hindus, Jehovah Witnesses, Jewish people, Mormons, Muslims, New Agers, Scientologists, Unitarian Universalists and Homosexuals and Lesbians. There is also a chapter called Prophetic Evangelism that teaches you how to witness using a word of knowledge that God gives you to deliver a prophetic word to witness to the lost. There are several testimonies that show you, "Yes, it works!" About Rev. Susan Nazarewicz: Susan graduated from the UNC at Chapel Hill (B.A.); RHEMA Bible Training College, Victory World Missions Training Center, Church On the Move School of Ministry and Prophetic Age Ministries Institute and is ordained by John G. Lake Ministries. She works as a prayer partner at Oral Roberts Ministries at the Abundant Life Prayer Group and is a member at RHEMA Bible Church in Tulsa, OK where she sings in the choir.

Christian Ethics as Witness

Graceful Evangelism

Christian Ethics as Witness God uses ordinary people like you and me. WE EASILY IDENTIFY WITH THE PEOPLE IN ACTS because Luke never allows us to forget their humanity. It's impossible to confuse Peter or Paul with fictional characters. No ancient novelist would ever have created men whose lives were characterized by such dramatic contradictions: the brash and blustering everyman who blossoms overnight into an elder statesman; a movement's most infamous persecutor who develops into its most prominent advocate. Luke has drawn two millennial's worth of readers into the overlapping apostolic "adventures of these two first-century Jewish men who, while so dissimilar, shared a common vision and served the same Messiah. In a
series of vignettes, or "postcards", some historical, some biographical, still others theological. Acts reveals the successes and defeats, the conquest and tragedies of the original band of Jesus' followers. In Acts we are able to share in the joy, the loss, the frustration, the passionate debate and the ultimate triumph of these pioneers of Christianity. These are ordinary people who, through the power and enablement of the Holy Spirit, accomplish extraordinary things in the name of their messiah. In less than one generation this initial cohort of Christians boldly "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6)! Steven Ger is a "Hebrew of Hebrews", a fourth-generation Jewish believer, whose Jewish-Christian perspective will bring new life to your understanding of the book of Acts.

The Politics of Witness The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerical predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

Revelation

The World Situation and God's Move A great deal of uncertainty exists in the church as to what mission really is. The shifts in political power, away from the traditionally Christian West; the call for a moratorium and the other critical voices from the Third World churches; and the increasing self-assurance and missionary consciousness among adherents of non-Christian religions--all these have given rise to the question whether Christian mission work still makes sense, and if it does, what form it should take. Is mission identical to evangelism in the sense of proclaiming eternal salvation? Does it include social and political involvement, and if so, how? Where does salvation take place: only in the Church, or in the individual, or in society, or in the 'world', or in the non-Christian religions? The picture is one of change and complexity, tension and urgency. The answers we give to these questions must be consonant with the will of God and relevant to the situation in which we find ourselves.

Good News About Injustice

Faithful Witness in a Fractured World Concise Wisdom from a Pastoral Veteran The Kingdom Pastor's Library is a new series that brings you a succinct, complete pastoral philosophy and training from Tony Evans. Our Witness to the World teaches you how to equip every member of your church to go out into their neighborhoods for effective outreach. It also demonstrates how important social impact is for spreading the gospel. Faithful. Powerful. Practical. Become a Kingdom Pastor Today.

World War I

That the World May Know The word evangelism evokes strong reactions among Christians. Conflict about what it is, whether to do it, how to go about it, and the desired results divides churches, demonstrating the need for new theologies and methods that address today's religiously pluralistic and secular contexts. This book offers a comprehensive treatment of evangelism, from biblical models to contemporary practice. Frances Adeney shows that understanding different contexts and approaches to evangelism and accepting the views of others on this crucial topic can help replace the "evangelism wars" (social action vs. proclamation) with a more graceful approach to sharing God's good news with the world.

Witness To The World "A fascinating glimpse into the consciousness of being an outsider in every possible way, and what it takes to find your path into the life you'd like to lead."--Nylon A riveting memoir of losing faith and finding freedom while a covert missionary in one of the world's most restrictive countries. A third-generation Jehovah's Witness, Amber Scorah had devoted her life to sounding God's warning of impending Armageddon. She volunteered to take the message to China, where the preaching she did was illegal and could result in her expulsion or worse. Here, she had some distance from her community for the first time. Immersion in a foreign language and culture--and a whole new way of thinking--turned her world upside down, and eventually led her to lose all that she had been sure was true. As a proselytizer in Shanghai, using fake names and secret codes to evade the authorities' notice, Scorah discreetly looked for targets in public parks and stores. To support herself, she found work at a Chinese language learning podcast, hiding her real purpose from her coworkers. Now with a creative outlet, getting to know worldly people for the first time, she began to understand that there were other ways of seeing the world and living a fulfilling life. When one of these relationships became an "escape hatch," Scorah's loss of faith culminated in her own personal apocalypse, the only kind of ending possible for a Jehovah's Witness. Shunned by family and friends as an apostate, Scorah was alone in Shanghai and thrown into a world she had only known from the periphery--with no education or support system. A coming of age story of a woman already in her thirties, this unforgettable memoir examines what it's like to start one's life over again with an entirely new identity. It follows Scorah to New York City, where a personal tragedy forces her to look for new ways to find meaning in the absence of religion. With compelling, spare prose, Leaving the Witness traces the bittersweet process of starting over, when everything one's life was built around is gone.

Joy for the World What can we do to prevent more atrocities from happening in the future, and to stop the ones that are happening right now? That the World May Know tells the powerful and moving story of the
successes and failures of the modern human rights movement. Drawing on firsthand accounts from fieldworkers around the world, the book gives a painfully clear picture of the human cost of confronting inhumanity in our day.

Gospel Witness In light of our increasingly post-Christian Western contexts, David Gustafson offers a mission-oriented ecclesiology that moves from missional theory to practices of missional engagement. Introducing “God’s human drama” as a way to explain the gospel within God’s redemptive story, he outlines specific ways for pastors and church leaders to shape a “gospelling” culture within their congregations. Gustafson expertly lays the foundations of and approaches to evangelism that are seminal and apt for the church today.

Faithful Witness in a Fractured World


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Acts: Courageous Witness in a Hostile World God has always commissioned his people to be a blessing and witness to others. This studyguide will enable you to see the world through God’s eyes and will motivate you to get involved in the awesome and joyful task of worldwide outreach.

The Book of Acts This book reflects Father Meyendorff’s fundamental convictions concerning: 1) Orthodox participation in ecumenical dialogue, 2) the Church’s responsibilities in education and mission, and 3) spiritual developments in Russia.

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I Want to Witness, But What Do I Say? Most commentaries on Acts are written by Western scholars for a Western audience. This book comes out of more than forty years of teaching in the Majority World. It is
aimed at the new breed of emerging missionaries from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The apostles in Acts faced a hostile world. Yet in that context, the Holy Spirit gave them incredible courage. The scenes of Peter, Stephen, and Paul facing angry mobs and the fury of the Jewish Sanhedrin are being played out in India, China, and Eritrea today. Acts teaches us how to have a "courageous witness in a hostile world." Further, this work addresses the powerful forces that assault the worldwide church--particularly the racism that splits the church all over the world. Acts: Courageous Witness in a Hostile World will thrill you as you see how God's Spirit overcomes every obstacle and keeps the church on track, even when we think all is lost. Read this book for yourself and become courageous.

Christian Witness in a Postmodern World Can the church regain its cultural influence? The church in America is losing ground. Unfortunately, our efforts to reverse this trend often seem to do more harm than good. In Joy for the World, Greg Forster explains how the church lost its culture-shaping voice and what Christians can do to turn things around. This book teaches us that the key to cultural transformation is something that we might not expect: explosive, Spirit-produced joy in God and his gospel.

Witness to the World A professor of religion asserts that the difficulties faced in communicating the gospel are as much an opportunity as they are a challenge. This book analyzes contemporary trends in American cultural life related to what those who don't attend church know about Christianity and how they think about questions of ultimate meaning.

Bible and Mission A year 2000 Finalist in the ECPA book competition! Accounts of injustice from our own communities and from around the world often leave us feeling outraged and helpless. We wonder what we can possibly do in response. And we wonder where is the God of justice? Jesus, however, said, "Take heart! I have overcome the world." Gary Haugen sees the truth of Jesus' claim vindicated throughout Scripture, which portrays a God who rises up against injustice. He also sees this truth in the lives of sometimes little-known Christians who through the years have courageously confronted evil when they saw it. Here he tells stories of these witnesses of hope in a hurting world. The good news about injustice is that God is against it. God is in the business of using the unlikely to perform the holy, Haugen contends. And in this book he not only offers stories of courageous witnesses past and present, he also calls the body of Christ to action. He offers concrete guidance on the ways and means its members can rise up to seek justice throughout the world.

Witness to the World Drawing on the writings of German pastor-theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jennifer M. McBride constructs a groundbreaking theology of public witness for Protestant church communities in the United States. In contrast to the triumphal manner in which many Protestants have engaged the public sphere, The Church for the World shows how the church can offer a nontriumphal witness to the lordship of Christ through repentant activity in public life. After investigating current Christian conceptions of witness in the United States, McBride offers a new theology for repentance as public witness, based on Bonhoeffer's thought concerning Christ, the world, and the church. McBride takes up Bonhoeffer's proposal that repentance may be reinterpreted "non-religiously," expanding and challenging common understandings of the concept. Finally, she examines two church communities that exemplify ecclesial commitments and practices rooted in confession of sin and repentance. Through these communities she demonstrates that confession and repentance may be embodied in various ways yet also discerns distinguishing characteristics of a redemptive public witness. The Church for the World offers important insights about Christian particularity and public engagement in a pluralistic society as it provides a theological foundation for public witness that is simultaneously bold and humble: when its mode of being in the world is confession of sin unto repentance, the church demonstrates Christ's redemptive work and becomes a vehicle of concrete redemption.

Joyful Witness in the Muslim World (Mission in Global Community) This engaging study provides a new way of looking at Scripture--one that takes seriously the biblical idea of mission. Richard Bauckham shows how God identifies himself with particular individuals or people in human history in order to be known by all. He is the God of Abraham, Israel, and David and, finally, the one who acts through Jesus Christ. Bauckham applies these insights to the contemporary scene, encouraging those involved in mission to be sensitive to postmodern concerns about globalization while at the same time emphasizing the uniqueness of Christian faith. In doing so, he demonstrates the diversity of Christian faith around the world. This book will be rewarding reading for pastors, lay readers, and students of Scripture, mission, and postmodernism.

Witness to Wonder: The World of Catholic Sacrament Steven Ger's Commentary of the Book of Acts makes the early church come to life and will instruct and encourage you to be a witness for Jesus Christ in your home and community.

The Church for the World How can Christians witness to the complexity of our world? Gregg Okesson shows that local congregations are the primary means of public witness in and for the world. As Christians move back and forth between their churches and their neighborhoods, workplaces, and other public spaces, they weave a thick gospel witness. This introduction to public missiology explains how local congregations can thicken their witness in the public realms where they live, work, and play. Real-life examples from around the world help readers envision approaches to public witness and social change.
Leaving the Witness You don’t know the Book of Mormon until you’ve read and assimilated the wealth of information in this book!

A New Witness to the World In Confident Witness -- Changing World, twenty-two scholars and skilled ministry practitioners explore this complex question not only theoretically but also in practical terms immediately useful to pastors and church leaders.

Lesson Book Can a church that is compromised through dependence on temporal, political power speak with a powerful prophetic voice in the world? As the body of Christ, the church has a prophetic role in the world. Prophets have always spoken clearly to people in power. They have been willing to challenge the decisions made by people who thought they were not accountable to anyone. Sometimes the prophets were respected, sometimes persecuted, but they were never ignored or regarded as irrelevant. So why is it that the church today cannot speak truth effectively to power? In The Politics of Witness, Dr. Allan R. Bevere asks these questions and proposes an answer. The church has come to depend too much on temporal power and has thus forgotten its divine authority. In finding this answer he goes back to the founding of the church and how it first became dependent on the state. He examines those who have followed, mostly building a political theory that takes the responsibility of ministry from the church and gives it to the state. You’ll find some names in this that might surprise you. Any discussion of Christianity and the state will involve Emperor Constantine, but what about his modern lieutenants, such as Locke, Jefferson, Franklin, and others? While the theology applies to the church in any country, Dr. Bevere takes a particular look at the peculiarly American view that the United States of America is somehow God’s chosen people, a nation of destiny in accomplishing the gospel mission. This book balances brevity with a broad intellectual and historical reach. You will be taken from the founding and foundation structure of Christian theology today to a proposal for how we, as the Church can reclaim our prophetic witness. In the current political atmosphere, every Christian needs to read this book.

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A New Witness for Christ The church has much to learn from an often-overlooked group—those with disabilities. Including a study guide in this expanded edition, Stanley Hauerwas and Jean Vanier shed light on what it means to be human and how we are to live, carefully exploring the contours of a countercultural community marked by radical forms of gentleness, peacemaking, and faithfulness.

Witness to the World What is the churches vocation? What is the church to be and to do?In this book R. P. Kennedy sets out to answer those questions by looking at the ascension gifts found in Ephesians 4:11-13, showing that the church is to be Apostolic, Prophetic, Evangelistic, Shepherding and Teaching. And when she embraces these gifts given to her from Jesus she will be Christ Made Flesh, God’s Witness to the World.

Joyful Witness in the Muslim World An up-close look at World War I examines life in the trenches and the devastation of Europe by the Great War.

Christ Made Flesh This book, first published in 1956, is the first authoritative, comprehensive account of the worldwide activities of Jehovah’s Witnesses. It traces their origins and development, and a special section covers the founding, organization and development of the movement in Great Britain.

Living Gently in a Violent World Surveying exotic travel writing in Europe from late antiquity to the age of discover, The Witness and the Other World illustrates the fundamental human desire to change places, if only in the imagination. Mary B. Campbell looks at works by pilgrims, crusaders, merchants, discoverers, even armchair fantasists such as Mandeville, as well as the writings of Marco Polo, Columbus, and Walter Raleigh. According to Campbell, these travel accounts are exotic because they bear witness to alienated experiences; European travelers, while claiming to relate fact, were often passing on monstrous projections. She contends that their writing not only documented but also made possible the conquest of the peoples whom she travelers described, and she shows how travel literature contributed to the genesis of the modern novel and the modern life sciences.
A Public Missiology

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