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Message Title: Why Are We Still Here?

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Bible Verses:

- Acts 1:1-8, NIV

Key Points

1. Two questions to begin your group:
Have you ever had an experience where a stranger tried to tell you about Jesus?

What was that like?

Jesus said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV) What does that mean to you?
2. Watch the follow-up video.

In the video. Brian talked about 4 things you need to be an effective 'witness' (see Acts 1:8).
 1. Knowledge of the Bible. (Deut 6) (BUT...don't use this as an excuse. It's not hard to get some basic knowledge and build on it)
 2. Your personal story of how Jesus changed your life. (John 9 and 1 Pet 3:15)
 3. A lifestyle that is consistent with what you say you believe. (Gal 2:20, 5:22-23)
 4. An awareness of the people and situations around you. (which happens in part through prayer) (Acts 3:1-10 - Peter was aware of the people around him)

	<p>Read and discuss each scripture referenced above.</p> <p>How would you evaluate yourself in each of these 4 areas?</p> <p>What do you need to do to improve in each area?</p>
3.	<p>How do you think God wants you to be an effective witness for him in each of these areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerusalem• Judea• Samaria• The Ends of the Earth
4.	<p>Pray that God would show you how to be more effective as a witness in the coming weeks.</p>

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