

BAPTISM SUNDAY



Can I Get a Witness?

Preacher: **Pastor Stephen Scott**

Worship:

Spend a few moments worshipping together and thanking God for His grace, faithfulness, and the work He has done in your life.

Suggested focus:

- Thanking God for salvation
- Celebrating life change
- Surrendering afresh to God's mission

Check-in:

Take a few minutes to connect as a group.

- What was a highlight from your week?
- What stood out to you most from Sunday's message or the baptism testimonies?

Key Scriptures:

- Psalm 107:2
- Acts 1:8
- John 9:1-25
- Romans 10:13-14
- Romans 6:23

Sermon Summary:

Baptism Sunday reminded us of the incredible power of a testimony. Throughout Scripture, we see that God never intended His work in our lives to stop with us. When God changes us, heals us, restores us, or saves us, our story becomes a witness to others of His goodness and grace.

Using the story of the blind man in John 9, we saw that Jesus transformed an ordinary life into a powerful testimony. While others focused on the man's past and looked for someone to blame, Jesus redirected their attention to what God could do. His past was part of his story, but it was not the end of the story.

The message challenged us to remember that if we have experienced God's grace, we have been sent to be His witnesses. A witness is not someone who has all the answers or tries to win arguments. A witness simply shares what they have personally experienced. Like the blind man, our testimony can be as simple as: *"I was blind, and now I can see."*

Ultimately, God is inviting each of us to live as witnesses of His grace wherever He has placed us.

Discussion Questions:

1. **The Power of a Testimony**

The message reminded us that testimonies have the power to inspire hope and trigger transformation.

Can you think of a time when someone else's story encouraged or impacted your faith? What made it so powerful?

2. **Your Story Matters**

The blind man didn't have all the answers, but he knew what Jesus had done for him.

What part of your story could be a source of encouragement or hope to someone else right now?

3. **Sent to Be a Witness**

The sermon challenged us with the idea that if we have been saved, we have been sent.

Who has God already placed in your world that may need to hear about His grace through your life or your story?

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Group Application:

Take a few minutes this week to write down a simple version of your testimony using three parts:

1. What life was like before Jesus (or before God intervened).
2. What Jesus did.
3. How your life is different today.

Ask God to show you one person He may be inviting you to encourage, pray for, or share your story with this week.

Prayer Pointers:

Pray together for:

- Gratitude for God's work in your life.

- Courage to share your story when opportunities arise.
- Eyes to see the people God has already placed around you.
- Wisdom and sensitivity to be a witness through both words and actions.
- Those who are far from God to encounter His grace and salvation.

Leader Note:

Keep the conversation simple and personal. The goal is not for people to have perfect testimonies, but to help them realise that every story of God's grace matters. Encourage honesty and celebrate both dramatic and ordinary stories of God's faithfulness.