WITNESSES

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Acts 1:3–9 (NLT) (3) During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. (4) Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. (5) John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (6) So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" (7) He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (9) After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

Jesus wants and has the expectation that every follower of Jesus will be His witnesses and will tell people about Him everywhere.

Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT) (18) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. (19) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (20) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2 Corinthians 5:17–20 (NLT) (17) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (18) And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. (19) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. (20) So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

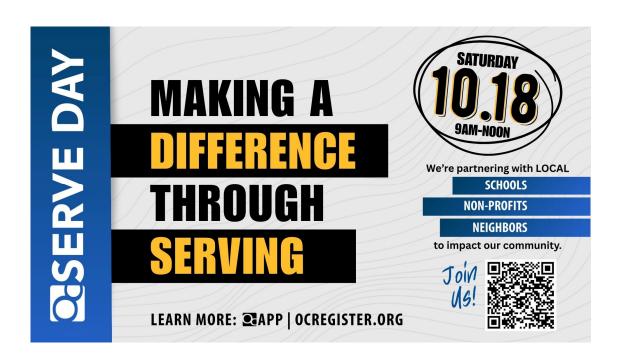
What does this look like for us?

1) We should tell others about Jesus by ______ to those we come in contact with in our daily lives.

Becoming a follower of Jesus Involves:

- Believing in Jesus
- Repenting and Confessing Sins
- Surrendering Your Life to Jesus

2)	We should	we don't normally go when possible with
	the goal of being Jesus' witness	es and sharing the gospel.
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