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*Facilitation Guide*



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### Introduction to WOW! with Friends

“WOW!” is short for Women of Witness. “WOW! with Friends” is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- **Online sermonette**
- **Facilitation guide**
- **E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.**
- **E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.**

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

[WOW! With Friends Guest Access - Connect with us here!](#)

**Password: witness2023**

Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!





**Format of Facilitation Guide**

<b>1. Introduction &amp; Focus points</b>	Facilitator can introduce “WOW! with Friends” and share the focus points with the group.
<b>2. Watch Video Sermonette</b>	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
<b>3. Key Scripture &amp; Elaboration</b>	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
<b>4. Discussion Questions</b>	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
<b>5. Challenge</b>	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
<b>6. Closing &amp; Prayer</b>	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.





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**Speaker: Pastor Deborah Qiu**

**Sermonette: Witnessing starts with a simple 'Hi!'**

### Introduction

The Great Commission is one of the most important assignments that Jesus gave His disciples after His resurrection, before ascending into heaven.

The Gospel of Matthew 28: 18 – 20 records, *"<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

The Great Commission is the foundation of why we do evangelism and mission in the church today. Jesus' discipleship and ministry in Israel was the beginning point of the proclamation of the gospel to the world.

A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows and abides in Him and is committed to His mission. We are all called to share God's Good News and love to the world, this is part of the lifestyle of being a true disciple of Jesus Christ!

The Great Commandment is key to the Great Commission. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And to also love your neighbour as yourself. We are all called to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

We need to start looking through God's lenses of love and be actively engaging with the Holy Spirit to empower us to preach the Good News to our communities.




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### Focus Points

1. Call to Discipleship and Evangelism.
2. Empowered with the Authority and Power of God.
3. God is with us.

Watch Video Sermonette 

[Click here to watch video sermonette](#)

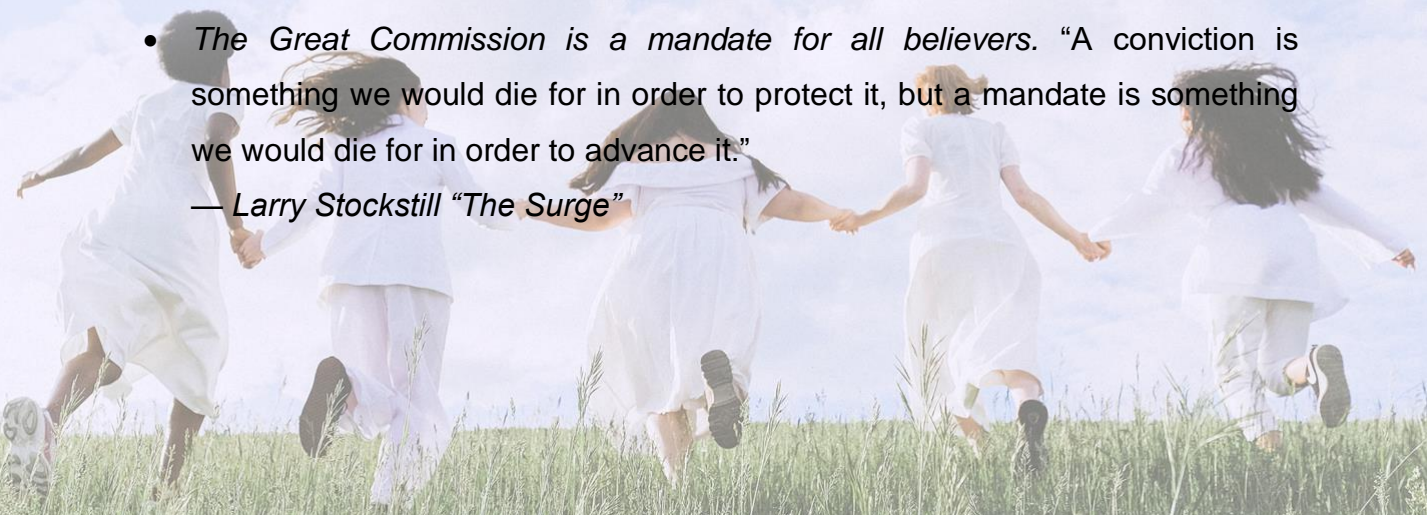






### Key Scripture & Elaboration

- The call to discipleship and evangelism is a clear mandate that is given to us, Matthew 28:19 says, “we are called to go and make disciples of all nations.” The Greek word for ‘nations’ means ‘people groups’. The New Testament model of evangelism and discipleship was done in small groups and understanding how Jesus disciplined His followers is the key to building His church and advancing the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus’ model of discipleship revolved around teaching and giving them opportunities to step out in faith. He corrects in love, built relationships and connects with them in a relational and personal way. His goal was to prepare them to minister, disciple others and to fulfil the Great Commission.
- *<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*  
- Acts 1:8 (NKJV)
- Being a witness means sharing with others what we have experienced with the Lord. Sharing our personal encounters is the one of the most effective way to start conversations that would lead to evangelism.
- Evangelism is never meant to be a programme but a way of life for every disciple of Christ. Evangelism helps to keep the Gospel central in our lives and deepens our understanding of the most fundamental truths of Scripture.
- *The Great Commission is a mandate for all believers. “A conviction is something we would die for in order to protect it, but a mandate is something we would die for in order to advance it.”*  
— Larry Stockstill “The Surge”



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- Power is defined as the ability or capacity to do something. As believers, we are empowered and authorized with power by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel.
- *11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*  
- Romans 8:11 (NKJV)
- *19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power<sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.*  
- Ephesians 1:19-20 (NKJV)
- The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. We are endowed with the power to boldly share the truth that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and the Saviour of the world.
- Romans 1:16 says, “the Gospel is the power of God”. The word ‘power’ is the Greek word ‘dunamis’ which means a supernatural, miracle-working power that comes from God.
- Understanding the gospel will cause us to discover the power again and again on a daily basis. And when we share the gospel, we are sharing with God’s transformational power that would change lives!







- God is not only for us, He is with us and also in us. Ephesians 2:22 says, “ in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”
- Let us all desire to grow in intimacy with the Lord. When we are consumed by God’s love, we become agents of revival. His perfect love casts out all fears and empowers us to boldly proclaim of His love and goodness to the world. Evangelism must be compelled by love!
- Leonard Ravenhill says, “Any method of evangelism will work – if God is in it.” People can be touched by the love and presence of God through a simple greeting, a friendly smile, an encouraging note, an act of kindness or a warm handshake. Partnering with the Holy Spirit will cause us to be more aware of God’s divine appointments on a daily basis.

### **1. Ask the Holy Spirit for the words to say.**

The Holy Spirit gives words of knowledge and activate spiritual gifts in us to minister to others in prophecy and healing.

### **2. Tell your story**

We all have powerful God encounters to share. 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us to “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

### **3. Allow the other person to share.**

Be a good listener and show empathy. Sometimes, this is all what is needed of you at that moment. Next, would be to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit on what to say or do.





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### Discussion Questions

1. Do you view the Great Commission as a joy or as an obligation. Why?
2. What is the motivation and attitude that we should have as believers when living out Matthew 28: 18 – 20?

### Challenge

1. List 5 names and start praying for opportunities to build relationships with them.
2. Share your salvation story with someone new.

### Closing

We do not need to be an extrovert to share the Good News. All we need is to be intentional and authentic in sharing the love of Christ. John 20:21 says, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” Like Jesus, we must be about our Father’s business. Knowing that we have the greatest news on earth should motivate us to go forth to be His Witnesses. Let’s make evangelism a part of our everyday life!

### Prayer

1. Pray for one another and ask God for opportunities to help someone grow as a disciple of Christ.
2. Pray for one another and ask God for passion and boldness to share the Good News.

