

*Closing Hymn:*

## I Will Serve Thee

I will serve Thee because I love Thee  
You have given Life to me  
I was nothing before You found me  
You have given Life to me  
Heartaches, broken people  
Ruined lives are why You died on Calv'ry  
Your touch is what I long for  
You have given Life to me

I will serve Thee because I love Thee  
You have given Hope to me  
I was nothing before You found me  
You have given Hope to me  
Heartaches, broken people  
Ruined lives are why You died on Calv'ry  
Your touch is what I long for  
You have given Hope to me

*Closing Prayer:*

Invite another member of the BEC to  
say the concluding prayer.

Be Disciples of Hope

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# REC REFLECTION



## WITNESSING

### *Beyond Borders*

God calls and sends out his people into the world.  
All believers are called to share the good news of  
the Gospel, though some are specially commissioned  
by God, confirmed by the Church and compelled by  
the Gospel message to missionary service.

## Opening Hymn:

### Glorious God

Glorious God, King of Creation,  
We praise You, we bless You  
We worship You in song  
Glorious God,  
in adoration at Your feet we belong

**Lord of Life, Father Almighty  
Lord of Hearts, Christ the King  
Lord of Love, Holy Spirit,  
to Whom we homage bring**

Glorious God, Magnificent, Holy!  
We love You, adore You  
And come to You in prayer  
Glorious God, Almighty, Eternal,  
we sing Your praise everywhere

## Opening Prayer:

Invite a member of the BEC to  
say the opening prayer.

## Dialogue:

Jim, an elder at a church, was to oversee the evangelism of new people that moved into the area. Sun Lee and his family were Vietnamese refugees who had recently been moved into the area. They had no possessions, knew no one, needed help in every way. Jim began by helping them to get food and then spent much time finding Sun Lee a good job. Jim wanted so much to tell Sun Lee about Jesus Christ, but he didn't know Vietnamese and the refugees knew very little English. Both men sought to learn the other's language so that they could become better friends. One day, Jim felt that he knew enough now to tell Sun Lee about Jesus. Jim began to explain about God and Jesus to Sun Lee, but the more he talked, the more confusing it seemed to get. Sun Lee would repeat in Vietnamese a little of what Jim said in English. Finally, Jim was so frustrated that he decided to give up trying to communicate until he had learned more Vietnamese. Sun Lee at this point blurted out, "Is your God like you? If he is, I want to know him." Jim explained that Jesus Christ was greater than he was, far greater. Yet Sun Lee wanted to know more about Jesus Christ if he was like Jim! Jim had thought for all these months that he was not communicating the gospel. But he was, with the greatest form of communication a person can use—the example of a life filled with Jesus Christ.

## Questions for Sharing:

**God is present beyond border, our witnessing reflects this character of God. Do we have people from other Faith who need our support?**

## Discernment:

### Acts 5:29–32

Source: NASB95

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

### Key Phrase:

**AND WE ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS**

**UNBROKEN CHAIN OF WITNESSING FROM THE TIME OF THE APOSTLES,  
JEWS..GENTILES.... AND REST OF THE WORLD**

### Reflection:

- The 12 Apostles witnessed Christ beyond borders.
- How are we witnessing Christ today?
- Are we limiting ourselves within the church or familiar people only?
- Can we go beyond these borders by getting involved with the current issues of the nation?

### Deeds:

In every group or nation, there is an ever-increasing number of men and women who are aware that they themselves are the artisans and originators of the culture of their community. Throughout the world a sense of both autonomy and responsibility is constantly growing that is of the greatest importance for the spiritual and moral maturity of the human race. This becomes clearer if we consider how the world is becoming more unified and how we have the duty to build a better world in truth and righteousness. In this way we are witnessing the birth of a new humanism, one in which man is defined first of all by his responsibility toward his brothers and sister toward history. (CS 55)

Perhaps during this month the BEC can suggest some concrete plans to reach out to the troubled poor or those neglected.

### Call To Action:

**As a BEC what can we do to witness christ in our neighbourhood?**