

THE GREATER STORY

Week 1

Leader Note: *This is a great series to encourage students to start the habit of bringing their own Bible every week along with their Greater Things book. Bring it up weekly and continue to encourage and celebrate students who bring it every week.*

Have students open their Greater Things book to Page 53 and their Bibles to Acts 1

Start group time by talking about anything that caught their attention from the teaching that night OR from Sunday. Be prepared to lead the way with what you're learning on the weekend.

How would you define the word witness?

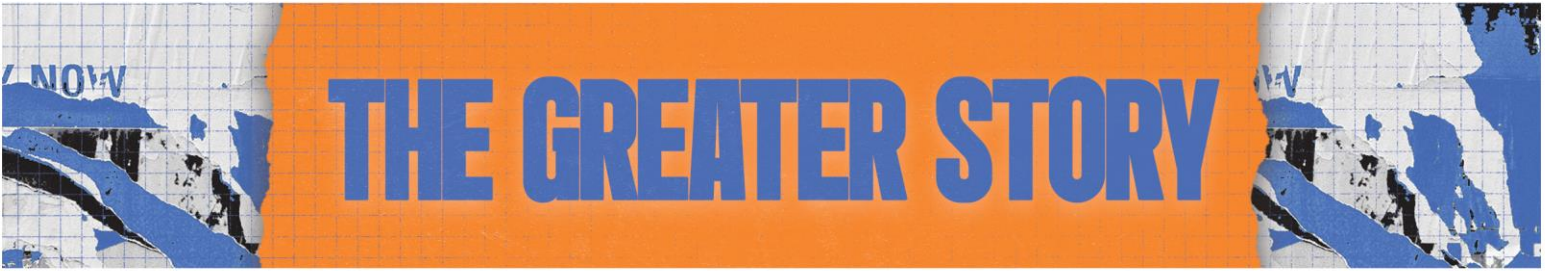
Read Acts 1:6-8

Jesus told the disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit and be His witnesses everywhere. What do you think it means to be a witness for Jesus in your own life?

Work through Page 53 in the book.

How does it make you feel to think that God has a "greater mission" for you?

The early church showed what God's Kingdom looks like by valuing everyone and reaching out to those who are lost or lonely. Who in your life might need to experience that kind of love and acceptance?



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What is one area in your life where you want to invite the Holy Spirit to help you be a better witness?

Work through Page 54 in the book. *You may need to lead the way by sharing examples to help get students thinking in some different directions.*

Give students 5-10 minutes to pray and reflect on the Next Steps questions and write in their books. This is the part we really want them to process between them and God.

Is there anything you feel God is telling you that you are holding on too tightly too? (Use this as a time to help students process if it's something physical, a friendship, part of their identity)

As a group, what's one way we can encourage and hold each other accountable to live out this greater mission together?