



## Hill Cliffe Study Guide

### The First Church

### #3 The Witness of the Church

### Sunday 9 June 2024

1. What impacted you most from the series on The First Church?

“We are not called to be God’s Salespeople. We are called to be authentic witnesses of what we have seen, and heard, and known, and understood, and felt as God has come into our lives”

- Stuart McPhail

2. How does this statement make you feel about sharing your faith?

Please read Acts 1:1-8

3. The name Theophilus means Lover of God and/or Loved by God. Does this help you to engage more with the book of Acts? Why/Why not?
4. Why is it so important to have the power that comes with the Holy Spirit to be authentic as a witness?

Please read Acts 1:12-14, 2:44-47

5. What behaviours of the believers showed devotion?
6. Why are these behaviours important to be authentic as a witness?

The book of Acts describes Witnessing under pressure, (Acts 4:8-13), Witnessing in the face of persecution, (Acts 8:1-4) and Witnessing in the face of temptation, (Acts 8:18-23).

7. Can you think of scriptural examples where people have failed to be good witnesses, yet have gone on to find repentance? Can you draw encouragement from this?

The series has covered 3 topics:

- #1 The Work of the Holy Spirit.
- #2 The Devotion of the Believers.
- #3 The Witness of the Church

8. How would you describe the way these topics relate to one another?

Having taken time to study God’s Word together, now take time together to pray, in unity, for the Holy Spirit to come with power into your small group and into Hill Cliffe Baptist Church. Pray for power to be witnesses in Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire and to the ends of the Earth.