



Community Bible Church  
Sermon Discussion Questions: Mar 12, 2023  
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**Title:** You don't have the right to remain silent.

**Text:** Acts 1:8 ESV, John 1:40-42 NIV, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 NIV

**Target:** A true mark of yielding to Spirit is when we live to see others know Christ.

**The Problem:** If the outpouring taking place at CBC stays at CBC, we've stewarded this season wrong.

**Question #1:** Looking back on our sermon series this far, *what has been the most significant takeaway that challenged, changed, or developed your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Why was that takeaway so meaningful for you?*

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- I. We will steward this current season wrong if we allow ourselves to be led by:
  1. Other people's **opinions**.
  2. Our own **feelings**.
  3. Our world's **system**.

**Question #2:** Take a second to identify ways these three points could discourage & derail our boldness in being led by the Holy Spirit. *Which of these three things is most likely to personally discourage you from walking in boldness with the Holy Spirit?*

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- II. Being the good news means allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us as:
  1. **Witnesses** on the earth.
    - a. *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Acts 1:8 ESV
    - b. When you become a follower of Jesus your life is called to the stand.

**Question #3:** *What have you found is the hardest thing to personally overcome when sharing your faith with others? If you've attempted to share your faith with someone in the past, how did that go? (If you'd like to discuss as a group how to clearly communicate the gospel with others, there are great resources available at the bottom of this page!)*

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2. **Inviters** to those around us.
  - a. *"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" John 1:40-42 NIV*
  - b. Invitations into relationships are far more compelling than invitations into buildings.

**Question #4:** *What does a person receive in a Christian community that they won't get in a Sunday service? How has your time in community helped you grow as a Christian?*

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3. **Ambassadors** to a world in need.
  - a. *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:20a NIV*
  - b. Ambassador: An official representative who is authorized to speak in a foreign land on behalf of the country by which they were sent.

**Take Away:** When it comes to making Jesus known, we are God's plan A, there is no plan B.

**Question #5:** 1 Peter 3:15 encourages us to always be ready to share our faith with *gentleness* and *respect*. In other words, we must be willing to *share* the Gospel with our words while *showing* the Gospel with our actions. *What are some ways we can do this in our day to day lives?*

**Additional Resource:** **Learn how to share your faith clearly and concisely.**

Visit this webpage by using the link below or typing "Sharing Your Faith 101" into Google and clicking on the *BillyGraham.org* website result. Review the "4 Simple Steps" and the "5 Things to Remember" on this webpage.

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