

# Group Questions – *Shout/Scream*: Week 3

04/21/24 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- Sticks and stones may break my bones... is a common phrase after people say something hurtful but is generally untrue. What phrase have you heard that also doesn't hold up? Or what is a helpful one you say to yourself when needed?
- What is one of the most encouraging/helpful things someone has said to you? If you're willing to share...Who was it and what was it regarding?
- Share an Evangelism story where the things said were not helpful/good/harsh etc
- Share an Evangelism story that was hope filled.

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Pastor Kirby said... "The most difficult thing a person can do is think." What do you think of that?
- **READ:** Romans 10:13-15
- What is your reaction/thoughts/emotions to the truth that 'ANYONE can be saved?'
- We have a privileged responsibility to "tell" – As Jesus said 'you are my witnesses'. That comes through effective communication – that doesn't scream.
- Think of your "last words", what do you want to say and to whom?
- **READ:** Acts 1:8
- How is it encouraging to know that you have power to tell?
- Pastor Kirby gave 4 ways to shout the good news effectively.
- Talk with EXPERIENCE
- What is difficult about talking with people about our experience of Jesus? What makes us hesitate?
- Talk with GENTLENESS and RESPECT
- **READ:** 1 Peter 3:15-16
- How does this verse talk about shouting with our relationships, our lifestyle and our words?
- What makes it difficult to talk with others with gentleness and respect?
- Talk with CONFIDENCE
- Why are we not confident about the idea of talking with people about Jesus/faith?
- **READ:** Acts 8:30-31
- If someone asked you something like 'how can I understand the hope of Jesus if nobody explains it?' How would you respond? What would you say or do? Why?
- Talk with your FRIENDS
- As some point we have to use actual words to talk about the good news of Jesus. Oftentimes we have never done this or we are afraid, like we've talked about. What are the things in your head and heart that keeps you from doing this?

## *Application Questions:*

- Write out your salvation and ongoing faith journey/story. Yes, your story matters! Many of us think that our stories aren't important because they're not big and dramatic, however Jesus reminds us that 'salvation is for everyone!' Your story matters and is filled with "life". Write it down. What do you want to say? How has your faith shrunk and grown throughout your life? Writing this down helps us see God's hand in our life.

**Week 3: How to shout without screaming**

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Good News: God loves you and wants a relationship with you

Review:

- Shout with your **FRIENDSHIPS**
- Shout with your **LIFESTYLE**
- Shout with your **WORDS/COMMUNICATION**

Proverbs 27:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Better is open rebuke  
than hidden love.

<sup>6</sup> Wounds from a friend can be trusted,  
but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Romans 10:13-15

<sup>13</sup> For “Everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> But how can they call on him to save them unless they **believe** in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never **heard** about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? <sup>15</sup> And how will anyone go and tell them without being **sent**? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

The importance of good communication in faith—others will be **SAVED**

If you are a Christian—you have the privilege to **TELL**

Acts 1:8

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

## HOW DO I SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS EFFECTIVELY?

1. Talk with **EXPERIENCE**

John 9:24-25

<sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

<sup>25</sup> He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

2. Talk with **GENTLENESS**

1 Peter 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

### 3. Talk with **CONFIDENCE**

Acts 8:26-35

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

### 4. Talk with your **FRIENDS**

Write out your story

#### **Challenge:**

- Speak with experience.
- Speak with confidence.
- Speak with gentleness and respect.
- Speak with your friends.

#### **One last thought:**

God uses people like you to bring **GOOD NEWS**