

Group Questions – *Shout/Scream*: Week 1

04/07/24 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- Who was your best friend growing up? What is one of your favorite memories with them?
- When you hear and think of the word “evangelism, what comes to mind, what emotions do you have with it?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What’s something from this week’s teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Talk about the difference between “Shouting” and “Screaming”
- We were given 2 Working definitions.
 - The Good News: **God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.**
 - Evangelism: **Caring about Jesus and caring about people who don’t know Him.**
- Do you think these are adequate? What would you change/add/subtract? Why?
- This week Pastor Kirby talked about evangelism/shouting the good news through the lens of “Friendships”.
 - Describe a bad experience you’ve had with “evangelism”
 - Describe a good experience you’ve had. Meaning a time in which it helped you know God and the love of God.
- Pastor Kirby asked “**Would you rather be right or would you rather have influence?**”
- In as much self-awareness as you can, how would you answer this?
- Pastor Kirby said that the vast majority of people hear about the good news of Jesus through inter personal relationships or friendships. And a friend does a few things.
 1. A friend is someone who takes an interest in others – **READ Philippians 2:3-4**
 - Why is it difficult to take an interest in others?
 2. A friend is someone who available.
 - Pastor Kirby said people often say “when this crisis happened, I really knew who my friends were.” Can you resonate with this? How?
 3. A friend is someone speaks less and listens more
 - To listen with your ears, eyes, asking more questions.
 - We used the acronym “WAIT” meaning – Why Am I Talking – as a question to ask ourselves when we are in a conversation.
 4. A friend is someone who builds up
 - **READ: Matthew 12:35 and Proverbs 18:20**
 - What’s your favorite food? Think how satisfying it is to enjoy that. That’s how our words should be with people.
 5. A friend is someone who tenderly corrects.
 - How do you handle being corrected?

Application Questions:

- Using the 5 ideas we talked about Evaluate your friendship capacity. How are you doing in those areas?
- When was the last time you had a conversation of faith or about Jesus with someone not in the Church or with someone who is not a person of faith?
- Who is that friend you can think of? Decide to and determine to pray for them every day. And when the time happens, pray for the courage to hear/see the opportunity to talk about Jesus with them. Remember, The Good News is best received by a friend.

Series: How to shout without screaming
Week 1: Shouting with Your Friendships – Pastor Kirby
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Key Words: Shout and Scream

Good news: God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.

Evangelism: Caring about Jesus and people who don't know Him.

Guiding Question: Would you rather be right or would you rather have influence?

FRIENDSHIPS

'We want God to be comfortable and not the comforter.' – Author/Professor Mark Buchanan

Acts 1:6-8

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.”

Good News comes from someone who . . .

1. Take an INTEREST

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

2. Are AVAILABLE

Proverbs 18:24

²⁴ One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

3. Speak less, LISTEN MORE

“We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.”

— Epictetus

James 1:19

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

Learn to Listen...

- You've got to learn to listen with your ears.
- You listen with your eyes.
- You listen with more questions.

James 1:19

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W.A.I.T. - Alan Alda

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Talking

4. Use words that BUILD UP

Matthew 12:35

³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Proverbs 18:20

²⁰ From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled;
with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.

5. Tenderly CORRECTS

Proverbs 27:5-6

⁵ Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.

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