



Luke 19:39-40

³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Don't be silent about Jesus Christ

For the week of April 14th, 2019

SERMON SUMMARY

Shane challenged us to not be silent about Jesus Christ. He asked three questions: 1. What would it mean to be silent? 2. Why do we become silent? And 3. What happens when we're silent? His answers are listed below.

What would it mean to be silent?

- We'd stop praising Jesus as king
- We'd not show up to welcome Jesus as king.
- We'd ignore the things that we've heard and seen
- We'd harden our hearts towards the Spirit's calling

Why do we become silent?

- Fear of others
- Distraction by things
- Unmet Expectations

What happens when we're silent?

- Creation exposes our heart's idolatry
- God still gets the praise

WORD

1. Describe a time when you were forced to keep silent about something or to keep it secret. How did it feel to stay silent? If you were able to tell it later, how did it feel to let it out?
2. Describe common ways in which you might “keep silent” about Jesus Christ. Consider how it might happen in different places like at home, at work, when no one else is around, in public, etc.
3. How does the Holy Spirit convict you when you are silent? Does his conviction get stronger or weaker when you are silent for a long time?
4. Of the three causes for our silence, which one most accurately describes you: fear of others, distraction by things, or unmet expectations? Or is there a different reason you might stay silent?
5. Shane described our silence as an act of idolatry suggesting that it only happens when something in our hearts rises to

importance over God. What things often take precedence over God in your heart that tempt you to remain silent?

6. Is there a specific way this week that God is calling you to break the silence and to begin to praise him?

PRAYER

- Pray that God would make UBC a congregation that loves to meet together and loves to praise Jesus together. Pray that He would constantly be on our lips as we talk with each other and share life together. Pray that it would be clear in our interactions that we value Him above all else.

- Pray that God would cause you personally to praise Him. Pray that if there are any ways in which you are tempted to remain silent that God would conquer those in you and seat himself back on the throne of your heart.

