



It Matters, Pt. 6: Can't Keep Quite

People are willing to talk about spirituality, faith, and God. When Jesus is introduced into the conversation, however, the mood generally changes and people are less receptive. This isn't new. So what are followers of Jesus to do? Just talk about love, peace, kindness, good deeds, and helping the poor? These are all good things, but they can't bring salvation. This is why can't keep quiet about the one name that brings salvation to everyone: Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Bottom Line: Faith in Jesus comes from hearing the message of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Before electronics were so easily accessible, one of the best things about road trips were the games played in the car. What road trip games did your family play as a child? How did you fair playing the "quiet game"?
2. Why does our society discourage the public discussion of certain topics? Discuss with the group what some of those topics are.
3. Think back to when you first heard of Jesus. Describe the moment. Were you a child or adult? Was it in church or outside of church? What was the background of the person telling you (i.e. pastor, teacher, friend, family member; etc.)? How did that impact your life?
4. **Read Acts 4:1-12.** Peter and John were brought before a powerful group of 72 men who interrogated them about what they were doing. Peter and John were bold in their responses. Where did they receive their courage? Have you ever felt this kind of boldness to talk about Jesus? Describe the situation and how you responded.
5. **Read Acts 4:13-20.** Have you worked in a place or been in a situation where you were instructed to not speak about Jesus Christ? How did you respond?
6. **Read Romans 10:9-17.** The Gospel is not intuitive and therefore must be shared. This week simply pray, "*Father, give me opportunities to talk about Jesus and fill me with the courage to act on each opportunity.*"
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.