



Speechless – Lent Week 6

Connect Guide March 24 and 25

Take this paper and take the sermon home with you. Reflect on the passage and discussion questions. Consider how to apply the message to your life. Study alone or gather a group. This guide will enrich and encourage you on your path to discipleship and deepen your relationship with God

Scripture

Romans 8:31-34... *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*



Discuss

1. Reflect on and share an exciting childhood memory you have. Was it of an adventure or outing? Gathering or party?
2. This sermon series focuses on Romans chapter 8. What are some things you previously learned about finding hope?
3. Pastor Rich said, “You are not who others say you are. You are who God says you are.” Name some words people might use to label you. What are some names God has given you?
4. This weekend was Palm Weekend (John 12) and Pastor Rich retold us the story of Passover (Exodus 12). How do these stories connect even though they took place 1000s of years apart? Why are these events important to Christians?
5. The writer of Romans, Paul, is telling us that no matter what we’ve done, God is on our side. That he loves us. That Jesus died for us. Does it leave you speechless?
6. Read Acts 1:14. If you are praying at 1:14, consider this week praying for our ability to LAUNCH people. Launching others can include being a part of a ministry, mentoring another and developing authentic relationships with peers. Ask God to help you and the church LAUNCH others to Jesus.

Apply

God knows your identity. When others try or you allow the circumstances around you to define you; you have a God who has your back. God says He loves you, even though He knows how bad you are. We are not much different than the people going to Jerusalem or the Romans trying to follow Jesus; full of sin, seeking forgiveness, protection and love. Practice listening to God and not to the world this week. Who does the world try to tell you that you are? Who is God telling you that you can be? Listen to the one with power!

Prayer

God, this is us. We confess that we have not always lived into your standards or purposes. Lord, we acknowledge that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank you for loving us just as we are. Teach and guide us as we journey through the season of Lent to find, know and proclaim our identity in YOU and you alone. In Jesus Name, Amen.