

# Sermon Discussion Guide- Week of Oct 25, 2020

## I Can't Be Quiet

Pastor Michelle Hall, 10:30am, see [www.Christchurchsl.org/sermons](http://www.Christchurchsl.org/sermons)

### Getting Started- Life Updates, Prayer Requests & Opening Question (15 min)

- Anything to share about personal events or faith experiences since you last met?
- Are there any joys or concerns that you would like to share with the group for the closing prayer time or for group members to hold in prayer during the week? (please note them below for later)

**Opening Discussion Question:** Do you remember getting your Bible in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in church? What was it like? Do you still have it? If not in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, when did you receive the first Bible you ever had?

### Review the Sermon (15 min)

Please read aloud the scriptures from this week's sermon message (see [www.christchurchsl.org/sermons](http://www.christchurchsl.org/sermons)) and then discuss the questions which follow as time allows.

#### Colossians 3:16-17

**<sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell (enoikeo) among you richly (plousios) as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

#### Isaiah 40:8

**The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.**

#### Galatians 5:22-23

**<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

- If you had to give a one-minute summary of the sermon message this week, what would you say?
- How is the word or message of Christ at the center of this text, Colossians 3:16-17?
- How does knowing the word for dwell, enoikeo (an abiding indwelling, live in, live with), and richly, plousios (richly and abundantly or generously), enhance your understanding of how the word of Christ brings transformation?
- What do you think the relationship is between the word of Christ and worship and praise in the heart of a believer?
- How does the eternal word of God span the gaps between generations across the ages (Isaiah 40:8)?
- Between people's of differing nations and languages?
- How does the fruit of the Spirit give us a measure of our words and deeds as Christians? Which of them seem to challenge you the most?

## **Other Related Readings (10 min)**

- Would a volunteer please read aloud Luke 8:5-15.
- How is the word of God like a seed?
- According to Jesus, what kind of things get in the way of the word of God growing into maturity in people?
- How does the description of the good soil in Luke 8:15 add to what was previously said about how the word of God works in people.

## **Personalizing and Applying The Message (10 min)**

- As you reflect upon the sermon and the scripture readings above, what are points of encouragement or challenge for you personally?
- The apostle Paul and Martin Luther were very vocal against the heresies of their times (Gnosticism in Colossae and indulgences in the church). How does their example and practice of measuring contemporary ideas against the word of God inspire you?
- What modern ideas do feel the need to be vocal about in comparing them to the scriptures? Which scriptures?
- What is your regular pattern of taking in the word of God personally?
- How is what you are learning being shared with others through “teaching and admonishing with all wisdom?”

## **Witness and Closing (5 minutes)**

- Why is sharing the gospel and the hope we have in Christ something all of us can do regardless of our background or personal resources?
- What examples come to mind of how to do this?
- A volunteer may conclude by leading the group in prayer about the joys and concerns shared earlier in the meeting