

The E Word
Missions Emphasis Sunday
Eugene Cho // March 15, 2020
Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8

BARRIERS THAT IMPEDE US FROM SHARING OUR FAITH

1. Erroneous _____: "Does it even matter?"
2. We've personally _____ the love of Christ.
3. We struggle with _____.
4. We focus on the ends of the earth but forget _____.
5. Someone _____ is going to do it.
6. "I haven't experienced _____."

Read the Bible This Year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- 1. Deuteronomy 16-18; Mark 13**
- 2. Deuteronomy 19-21**
- 3. Deuteronomy 22-24**
- 4. Deuteronomy 25-27; Mark 14**
- 5. Deuteronomy 28-29**
- 6. Deuteronomy 30-31; Mark 15**
- 7. Deuteronomy 32-34**

Life Group Questions

1. Eugene Cho said, "Christianity is not a bystander religion." What does that mean to you? Do you agree?
2. If you're not one to constantly, or occasionally, talk to people about Jesus, do you think you'll ever be able to do it? What scares you or keeps you from stepping out and taking that risk?
3. Listed below are the six main reasons or barriers that impede Christians from sharing the good news of Jesus. How many of the six do you identify with?
 - The erroneous thought: People think all roads go to the same place, so it doesn't matter if I share the gospel.
 - We've personally forgotten the love of Christ.
 - We struggle with fear of being rejected or stigmatized as "one of those Christians".
 - We focus on the ends of the earth but forget our "Jerusalem".
 - Someone else is going to do it. I can leave it to the "professionals".
 - I haven't experienced success in sharing the gospel, so why do it.

4. How often do you invite family, friends, or acquaintances to church? After listening to Eugene Cho, do you think you could extend an invitation once a week, once a month? What can ACC and/or your Life Group do differently in the coming weeks/months to help you extend that invitation?

5. Where do you fit on the following continuum?

Unconcerned-----Not doing enough-----Feel good about making disciples

6. Eugene Cho said one of the barriers that impede Christians sharing the good news is the fear of being rejected or stigmatized as “one of those Christians.” Share an experience when you feared, or even experience being rejected or stigmatized as a Christian.

Read **Romans 1:15-17**. As you read these verses replace “Rome” with “Lynnwood”. Why are you eager to share the good news of Jesus here in Lynnwood?

7. Read **Acts 1:8** and **13:47**. How many times do you see the word “you” in these verses? What does that emphasis mean to you?
8. Read **Acts 1:8** again. What is your responsibility in evangelism? What is God’s responsibility?
9. Do you believe that God has strategically placed you in your family, community, and workplace? With God there are no coincidences. **Acts 1:8** says the Holy Spirit gives us power to be Christ’s witnesses where we are. What do you think would happen if you prayed this prayer each day:

“Father, empower me today to be a witness for Jesus where I am and the places where You send me. Please give me wisdom, discernment, and the ability to communicate with the people You put in my path.”