



## High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study "We Will Not Be Silenced" Series

### Chapter 3: Use Diversity to Divide and Destroy

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America turns further from Christian values and the core principles of liberty every day. It's frustrating when you feel like you can't assert Biblical truth without facing condemnation. It's sad that outrage and victimhood have replaced respect and reason. How can you stay rooted in your own faith and continue publicly testifying for Jesus?

In *We Will Not Be Silenced*, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer gets us ready to live out our convictions against a growing spirit of hostility by obtaining a better understanding of non-believers' legitimate hurts and concerns regarding issues such as racism, sexism, and poverty, and identify the toxic responses secular culture disguises as solutions. In the process, we'll evaluate how we can witness, show compassion, and gentleness outside the faith without affirming their beliefs. *We Will Not Be Silenced* will prepare you to move beyond fear and boldly accept the challenge of representing Christ to a watching world that needs Him now more than ever before.

In tonight's lesson we'll be studying Chapter 2, *Rewrite the Past to Control the Future*, where Dr. Lutzer discusses the liberal agenda to re-write American history and replace it with anti-Christian sentiments.

1. Chapter 3 deals with the concept of using diversity to *divide* and *destroy*. To this I would add the word **conquer**. I think it is important to understand that what we are facing today is an all out war against our Christian faith and truths we hold to be foundational to our way of life.
  - a. When you think about someone, or a group of people, that are committed to eradicating what you know to be true, what emotions do you feel?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Read Ephesians 6:12. Against whom is our true battle? How does knowing this impact the emotions you identified in (a) above?
  
2. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 75 elements associated with equality applied to social causes are identified. List below the real meaning behind the following social causes:
  - Marital equality \_\_\_\_\_
  - Economic equality \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reproductive equality \_\_\_\_\_
  - Healthcare equality \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gender equality \_\_\_\_\_

How does reading the above responses make you feel?

3. Contrary to what is taught in the world and even in some churches, God does not dispense blessings and favor equally. Using the Bible list at least four examples of what might be deemed “unfair” by those who seek to critique the Bible and God. An example is provided.

*God selecting Isaac to be Abraham's line through which the Messiah would come (not Ishmael), even though Isaac was actually not the firstborn son.*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

4. As provide context on our discussion associated with “perceived inequality”, read Matthew 25:14-30 about the *Parable of the Talents*. What are three truths we learn from God in this passage concerning His perspectives on “distribution” that contradict society’s demand for equality and justice.

5. On pages 91 through 95 we read about the role that families play in countering many of our national struggles.

- a. Read the quote from President Obama’s 2008 Father’s Day speech on pages 92 and 93. What statistics does he provide in relation to the following:
  - i. Live in poverty and commit crime \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Drop out of school \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. End of up in prison \_\_\_\_\_

- b. In what ways can you see strong families being a deterrent to the problems that plague those who could be classified as underprivileged?

- c. How can the church be active in building strong families?

6. Pages 95 through 100 address the topic of *The Church in a Toxic Culture*.

- a. What does the church offer that those supporting Critical Race Theory (CRT) cannot?

- b. I’ll admit it’s easy for me to be a bit cynical about much of what I see in relation to CRT and the quest for social justice, although I have never been on the receiving end of racism or bigotry. What is an appropriate response to those who are hurting (or have been hurt) and at what point have things gone too far?