



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

“We Will Not Be Silenced” Series

Chapter 4: Freedom of Speech for Me, but Not for Thee

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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.

1. Chapter 4 of *We Will Not Be Silenced* deals with concepts associated with limitations placed on conservatives in relation to freedom of speech and the double standard that exist among those on the Left. According to Dr. Lutzer, what three elements are required for a revolution to occur (cf. page 103)?
2. I would assume it's safe to assume those of us doing this study together would classify ourselves as “capitalists”.
 - a. Why do you think some people, especially those who classify themselves as intellectuals, are opposed to capitalism?
 - b. What will happen to the United States if / when capitalism ceases to exist in our country?
3. On pages 111-116 we read the section entitled *Shutting down free speech*. Why is free speech important in society and what happens when it is removed? In developing your answer, think of times in your life when you were discouraged from “speaking your mind”.

