

### "Hoping They'll Notice"

1. *Actions speak louder than words.* Tell of a time in your life when this proverb proved to be true.

On the other hand... tell of a time—humorous or otherwise—when it was assumed that something “went without saying” but the absence of clear communication had undesirable consequences.

2. Read Acts 4:18–20 and 1 Peter 3:1–2. Notice the contrasting approaches: “cannot help speaking” versus “without a word.” Yet both statements are made by the same person—Peter. What differences in circumstances justify the opposite strategies?

Name a relationship in your life that calls for the *cannot-stop-speaking* approach to sharing your faith. What relationship, if any, comes closest to justifying the *win-them-without-a-word* strategy?

3. Read the following passages:  
Proverbs 10:11    Proverbs 12:18    Ephesians 4:29    Colossians 4:6  
What positive powers of speech are described in these verses? What guidelines are given to help us determine what to say?

### Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?