



"I Need to Speak to **You!**" - November 2023

Thoughts to Ponder

People tend to dismiss the hard truths contained in God's Word when they are conveyed generally using "us" and "we" . . . on occasion, the preacher must get personal to arouse the lethargic, as in this effort to speak to **You!**

1. God brought you to The Church of the Cross for a purpose and He has given you the gifts and talents necessary for you to fulfill that purpose.
 - a. Describe the ways in which God has uniquely equipped you to serve Him and others in His name.
 - b. Despite this congregation's large size, you are needed if it is to function smoothly - are you involved? If so, in what? If not, why not?
 - c. What impact is your involvement or lack of involvement having on the Body of Christ as it is manifested in this congregation?

2. "You are not really committed to Christ until you are available to Christ."
 - a. How do you feel about the fact that only 25% of the adults in this congregation are truly committed and consistently available for God's kingdom work?

- b. What amazes you most about what that 25% is making possible?
 - c. What might be accomplished if the other 75% got involved?
3. You have just received an invitation asking you to pledge to engage in the life and work of The Church of the Cross in 2024.
- a. What were your initial thoughts when you received that invitation?
 - b. What will determine whether or not you accept that invitation?
4. Your response to what God has done for you will be personal; that's why you will be placing it on the altar the weekend of November 19th.
- a. Do you agree that your response will be indicative of your relationship with Christ? If not, what does your response indicate?
 - b. Were you to die today and have to give the Lord an accounting of how you've used what He's given you, would the Lord say: "Well done, good and faithful servant." If not, what course of action should you consider?

