



Five Things You Can't
Say in Church

I Don't Know

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John 9:24-34

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" 26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth, how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Discussion Questions

Have you ever faked knowing something you didn't know?
Why?
Did people believe you?

Do you ever think you don't 'know enough' about the Bible, God, or Jesus?
What does that cause you to do?

Have you ever heard someone try to explain something about God or faith that you think is unexplainable?
Why do we try to explain or give reasons for almost everything?

What do we 'need' to know for our faith?
What do we 'need' to know to share our faith?

What do you think of the witness of the blind man in the story?
Is it accurate? useful? does it go far enough?

How can "I don't know" be a good thing in church?