We Will Not Be SILenced

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How to Use This Workbook

This workbook is divided into four parts. Part 1 provides further study and application of the contents of the book *We Will Not Be Silenced*. In addition to answering questions and exploring Bible verses that will help increase your understanding of today's cultural issues, each lesson provides opportunity for you to consider how to put your learning into action, and how to more actively pray about what you’ve learned.

Part 2, “How Should We View Our Place in Today’s Culture?,” considers the role that we as Christians have in society. Here, you’ll gain a clearer perspective on where we as believers stand in relationship to the government, politics, and cultural issues.

Part 3, “Preparing Ourselves to Engage with Culture,” looks at how we can personally equip ourselves so that we are effective as we take a stand for truth and the gospel. There are certain characteristics we must possess in our lives to ensure we are able to remain strong in the face of cultural influences rather than succumb to them.

And Part 4 provides an overview of the main questions that have been asked by media interviewers in response to *We Will Not Be Silenced*. The answers are designed to help explain some of the reasoning behind the secular worldviews that are challenging society today, and to further enable us to respond biblically.
PART 1

We Will Not Be Silenced Workbook
How We Got Here

The secular left does not believe that America can be fixed; they say it must be destroyed.

On the rubble of America’s Judeo-Christian past a new America will emerge, which they say will be free of poverty, racism, and white supremacy. The secular left’s goal is a future in which everyone will be equal on their terms and the disparities of the past will be read about only in history books. Those who resist this utopian vision are to be vilified, bullied, and shamed until they admit to the mistakes of the past and embrace the secular left’s great hope for the future.

We Will Not Be Silenced, page 19

As we look at the changes taking place in culture today, we can easily come to the conclusion that things are “just happening”—that, in general, moral values are decaying and because we live in a fallen world, people will follow the sinful desires of their hearts. We may think the many problems in society are simply a range of random occurrences that don’t necessarily have any connection with each other.

But if we look carefully, we’ll discover that in a lot of ways, it is possible for us to connect the dots. Much of the cultural disruption occurring all around us is part of a deliberate plan, an intentional strategy to undermine the foundational pillars of society. One of those key pillars is the family.
Scripture tells us that God created the family as the very first building block of society. The Lord brought together Adam and Eve in marriage, and they had children. That happened before any other building block of society came into existence, including the government and the church.

There’s a reason God made the family unit first. It is within the safe and caring confines of a family that children can receive the loving instruction of parents who give them spiritual and moral guidance in accordance with how God desires for people to live. Among the earliest instructions God gave to His people in the Old Testament had to do with how parenting was to be done: “These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

A strong society begins with a strong family. As parents raise their children in the ways of the Lord, their offspring will possess the spiritual and moral values that enable them to have a positive influence in every area of life outside of the family—including in the church and the public square.

But when the family unit falls apart or is destroyed, there is a detrimental effect on society. Much of what we see happening in today’s culture is part of a carefully planned attack against the family. God’s design for the family calls for specific roles for each member and puts the family before all the other units of society. The secular left believes this design stands in the way of creating a better world—one where there is more equality and justice as the secular left defines them, and not God. That is why, in their view, the family must be torn down.

**Cultural Marxism’s Growing Shadow**

Leading these attacks against traditional American values is a form of Marxism that is widely taught in many universities and assumed by elitists as the theory that best explains the inequalities of our society and our best hope for curing them.

*We Will Not Be Silenced, page 21*

What does cultural Marxism promise that makes it look so appealing?
What are the five cultural institutions that cultural Marxists seek to capture?

The Destruction of the Nuclear Family

What did Karl Marx say families based on Judeo-Christian values do?

Why is the nuclear family said to be an obstacle to the implementation of Marxism?

What do Marxists say the Bible's teachings about marriage is the source of?

What do Marxists say is the key to liberating the family?

Why do Marxists believe the education of children should be taken out of the hands of parents and surrendered to the state?
What kind of government dependency does Marxism seek to create?

In contrast to what cultural Marxists say about the family, what do the following Bible passages teach? That is, who should have the primary responsibility of raising and training children?

Genesis 1:27-28—

Deuteronomy 6:4-7—

Proverbs 1:8—

Ephesians 6:1-4—

What are some of the secular pressures that challenge Christian families today?
Oppression Is the Key to History

Why is convincing people of their victimhood so important for cultural Marxism?

On page 25 of *We Will Not Be Silenced*, we read, “Please understand that Marx was right in pointing out that oppression exists, often in horrible ways. But his solutions are entirely wrongheaded and destructive. By locating the problem as only the external systemic oppression between classes and by ignoring the biblical doctrine of original sin and individual responsibility, he sent his followers on a path of endless and unresolved conflict.”

What do the following Bible passages tell us about the source and nature of humanity’s problems?

Jeremiah 17:9—

Matthew 5:18-20—

Romans 3:10-12—

Read Romans 5:19 and 6:23. Is it possible for humanity to resolve its sin problem apart from Christ?
What can we learn from the Bible about equality in Galatians 3:26-29?

What do the following passages say about meeting our own needs versus meeting other people's needs?

Matthew 20:25-28—

Romans 12:10—

1 Corinthians 10:24—

Philippians 2:3-4—

What can we learn from the following verses about God's kind of justice?

Psalm 37:27-29—
Psalm 106:3—

Micah 6:8—

Zechariah 7:9—

In what ways do you see today’s cultural definition of justice being at odds with God’s definition of justice?

The Benefits of the Women’s Movement

On page 30 of *We Will Not Be Silenced*, we read, “The Bible teaches that the genders are equal in value but different in roles.” In contrast, secular culture states that men and women are alike in every way. This latter kind of equality strives to completely erase gender distinctives and claim that the roles and aptitudes of men and women are interchangeable.

What are some ways that we see God’s created distinctiveness between men and women, both in Scripture and in everyday life?
The Media: Leading the Culture

On pages 30-31 of *We Will Not Be Silenced*, we read, “We should not be surprised that the focus of the cultural Marxist revolution would center on sex and gender and race. After all, these themes play dominant roles in our lives and are especially impressionable on young people…if the biblical teaching about marriage can be redefined, then the social order can be transformed.”

What are some examples of how today’s media is undermining or redefining matters related to marriage, sex, gender, and race?

What are some positive ways that we, as Christians, can truthfully and lovingly uphold God’s standards for marriage, sex, gender, and race before a watching world?

The Ominous Choice We Face

On page 33 of *We Will Not Be Silenced*, we read, “Secularists are not content to ‘live and let live.’ They are not satisfied with pluralism and the exchange of ideas. They seek not just to be equal but to dominate. That which was at one time condemned must not simply be tolerated, it must be celebrated. And that which was at one time celebrated must be condemned…Their goal is the total capitulation of the culture to their point of view. Dissenting voices are shamed into either submission or silence.”

What are some Christian values you’ve felt pressured to be silent about?
What are some of the consequences we face, as Christians, for taking a stand for biblical truth and views?

With regard to persevering under cultural pressures, what encouragement can we receive from the following passages?

Matthew 5:11-12—

John 16:33—

1 Peter 3:14-17—

The Silent Church

On page 35 of *We Will Not Be Silenced*, we read, “There is another reason we have been silent. We want to be nice, welcoming, and grace-centered. We want to present Jesus as Savior to the greatest number of people possible. If what we say and believe about the secular left’s agenda becomes public, we will be called haters, grace-deniers, and legalistic. We will be scrutinized with even the smallest offenses magnified. We cannot shout as loudly as the radicals, nor should we. So we retreat into silence.”
As we consider how to best respond to the pressures of secular culture, what should we not do?

Based on the example of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:12, when we don't know what to do, what should be our first response?

In what ways do you think we benefit from turning our eyes upon God when we are faced with a threat?

The Purpose of This Book

On page 36 of We Will Not Be Silenced, we read, “I write not so much to reclaim the culture as to reclaim the church.”

In what ways do we see the church being more influenced by the culture than the culture is by the church?

What are some simple and practical ways we can make the church attractive to secular culture without giving in to that same culture?
IN YOUR OWN WORDS

In 25 to 50 words, write your responses to the following questions.

What aspect of this book chapter and workbook lesson “How We Got Here” had the greatest impact on you?

How do you see this affecting the way you think and live as a Christian?
COMMITTING YOURSELF TO ACTION

The family is under attack today as never before—and it is one of the major pillars to a strong society. Destroy the family, and society crumbles. What two or three commitments can you make in your own life to uphold biblical family values?

What are some practical ways a church can help uphold and protect the family? In the answers you write, do you see an action you can commit to right now and make a part of your service to the families in your church?
Upon completing this lesson, what five things do you desire to make a matter of prayer right now? List them here.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

Take a few moments now to lift these concerns up to the Lord.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid?  

Psalm 27:1