

God speaks to us through His Word.

Note in the following responsive Scripture passages the emphasis on these words: **send, declare, witness, preach, say, message, speak, proclaim, tell, testify**. Our privilege as God's redeemed people is to "say so," to tell others the story of God's love and His promises for them based on what Jesus has done for us and them. (from NIV)

P: Jesus said, "Peace be with you!

C: **As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."** *John 20:21*

P: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,

C: **that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.** *1 Peter 2:9*

P: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

C: **and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.** *Acts 1:8*

P: The gospel must first be preached to all nations....

C: **Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.** *Mark 13:10-11*

P: [Jesus] is the one we proclaim. *Colossians 1:28*

C: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say this.** *Psalms 107:2a*

P: I do not seal my lips...

C: **I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart;**

P: I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation.

C: **I do not conceal Your love and Your truth.** *Psalms 40:9-10*

P: Sing to the Lord, praise His name;

C: **proclaim His salvation day after day.**

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: **His marvelous deeds among all peoples.** *Psalms 96:2-3*

P: Christ's love compels us. *2 Corinthians 5:14*

C: **Let [us] tell of His works with songs of joy.** *Psalms 107:22*

P: My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—

C: **the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.** *Acts 20:24*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO.**

This responsive reading was part of worship service at the retreat.

What clear direction we receive from God's Word.