

John 7:40-52

Neighbors & Hostiles

A. NEIGHBORS - v. 40-46

- 1. Crowd v. 40-44
 - a. Wrong Identity
 - b. Right Identity
 - c. Contrary Identity
 - d. Implication: Nature of Christian Division

- 2. Officers v. 45-46
 - a. Stunned
 - b. Implication: Nature of Christian Speech

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2. Nicodemus

- 3. Implication: Nature of Christian Belief
 - a. NOT BUT
 - b. Reformer's Definition
 - Notitia (knowledge)
 - Assensus (affirmation)
 - Fiducia (trust)

Praxis

- 1. How can one tell if a neighbor has Jesus in their head, but not in their heart? What places in Scripture give us some diagnostic signals?
- 2. Distinguish between speaking Gospel truths to others with Gravity (Authority) versus Arrogance... How does making our speech "Gracious" bear on the difference?
- 3. What methods does this world use to "persuade" people? Evaluate each of those you listed, as to how using such a method in some way "tampers" with the Gospel truths...
- 4. Thought Question: If the Scriptures use the term "persuade" in reference to people coming to faith in Jesus (Acts 17:4, 18:4, 19:8, 28:23, 2 Cor 5:11, etc), what do the surrounding verses teach us about what such persuading speech looked like...?
- 5. What would the "fruit" of a life look like if one only expressed "notitia" (knowledge) or "assensus" (assent) in response to Jesus, and not also "fiducia" (trust/allegiance)?