



Week 6/ Acts 4:8-14 | New Boldness



GRANT YOUR SERVANT boldness. God's kingdom won't advance without a fight

Can you imagine what the world would look like if the Allied Forces had lost to the Axis of Evil in World War II? The world would be flipped 180 degrees because the goals of each side were diametrically opposed. The Axis of Evil wanted to destroy the Jewish people, promote the Arian race, subjugate Europe and the world, and instill fear through fascist rule. The Allies on the other hand were fighting to free the Jews, liberate Europe, and restore freedom. It was a war worth fighting and we daily reap the fruit of the sacrifice of others.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

This is an apt illustration of the spiritual battle that we are in as Christians. There are two kingdoms with diametrically opposed goals. On the one hand, you have Satan's kingdom with the goals of death, destruction, and hatred. And on the other hand, you have God's kingdom with the goals of life, regeneration, and love. Until Christ comes, God's kingdom will always be opposed by Satan's kingdom. But God will empower you with boldness to overcome the opposition so that others can eternally reap the fruit that God produces through you. There will be no regretting that in heaven!



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and discuss how the power of the name of Jesus has impacted your life in concrete ways.

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What happened when an opportunity came to share the gospel?

How did God open a door for you? Please share with the group. (10 min)



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. Sometimes we allow fear to inhibit us from boldly proclaiming the gospel. Pastor Derek identified at least 4 ways that we can overcome those fears, what were they?

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- 3.
- 4.

Select two and discuss how you will practically apply them to your life this week and take steps to share the gospel.

The purpose of the filling of the Spirit is to supply you with a supernatural boldness to overcome opposition.

2. Why did the early church ask God to grant them boldness to preach the word in the midst of persecution instead of asking Him to take the persecution away?

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

Acts 4:29-30

3. Someone once said, "If you can't live for Jesus today, you won't be able to die for Him tomorrow." Simply put, dreaming about making sacrifices for Christ isn't nearly as important as making the daily choices to be obedient.

Identify the steps of simple obedience that God is calling you to take. Spend a moment praying about this.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

4. The religious leaders paid the disciples one of the greatest compliments when they acknowledged that their boldness didn't come from education or training, but by being with Jesus.

Explain what that means. Describe how you can apply that to your own life.

Boldness for the gospel is a sign that we are following Christ closely.



REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, encourage each other in your home group to be bold for the gospel. Use social media, email and texting to support one another in the opportunities that God places before you.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God worked through your life to bring the gospel of Christ to someone in need.