



*"In this two-part sermon we will look at the prayer and practice of the early church as they began to experience persecution for living in the Kingdom of Heaven. What is biblical boldness and how might it differ from our modern definition of boldness? What does it mean to boldly proclaim the Gospel? How can we pray for boldness like the disciples did in Acts chapter 4? Join us as we investigate this in a two-part sermon on Biblical Boldness."*

### INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

God Encounters: Share some way you saw God interact in your life this week.

### MEMORY VERSE:

#### **Acts 4:29**

*"And now Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness"*

### SCRIPTURE READING:

#### **Proverbs 14:26**

*"In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge."*

#### **Proverbs 28:1**

*"The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion."*

#### **Ephesians 3:11-12**

*"11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him."*

#### **Hebrews 4:16**

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

## **Hebrews 10:9**

*“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus...”*

## **Hebrews 13:6**

*“So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”*

## **2 Corinthians 7:4**

*“I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.”*

## **1 John 5:14**

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.”*

## **1 Timothy 3:13**

*“For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### Week 1

1. When you think of boldness or a bold person, what do you think of?
2. What is the difference of worldly boldness versus biblical boldness? Is there a difference?
3. Read the verses above. What are the differences between biblical boldness and worldly boldness as seen in these verses?
4. Where is boldness rooted? Why is it rooted there?
5. How is boldness different than pride? Why is important for the Christian to remain bold and yet not venture into being prideful?
6. When is a time that you have been bold in your sharing of what you’ve “seen and heard”? Share a story or two.

### Week 2:

## LifeGroup Curriculum

11/13/22-11/20/22

1. Read Acts 4:23-31. What do you notice about how the disciples pray? Do they ask for alleviation of the persecution? How does their prayer differ from how we tend to pray?
2. In our modern world, we have a tendency to stand up for our own rights, note how the disciples pray- do they advocate for themselves and their rights? Why or why not?
3. Pastor CJ talked about how Biblical boldness is not a license to be a Christian Jerk. What did he mean by that? Have you ever found yourself witnessing a Christian Jerk or being one yourself? Share the story.
4. What is an area that you need the Spirit to give you boldness in right now? Close in prayer asking for boldness that wouldn't lead to pride or being a Christian jerk.

### **CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:**

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.