

UNSTOPPABLE

THE CHURCH JESUS INTENDED

STUDY TOOLS

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Teaching Title: *The Boldness Factory*

Key Scripture: Acts 3:6–4:31

5-DAY READING PLAN WITH QUESTIONS:

Monday: Acts 12:1-25

Tuesday: Acts 13:1-25

Wednesday: Acts 13:26-52

Thursday: Acts 14:1-28

Friday: Acts 15:1-35

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does this passage tell you about people?
3. If this is God's Word (The Bible), what do I need to do?
4. What's your takeaway?
5. Who would you tell?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

So far in the book of Acts, we've seen that Jesus calls the early believers (the Church) to be witnesses and He empowers them to be witnesses through the Holy Spirit. In Acts 3-4, we see great examples of bold witnesses as they stand firm in Christ, pray, and stay united together. In Acts 3, the healing of a blind man opens an opportunity for Peter to speak about Jesus but also leads to persecution as Peter and John are arrested. They experience pressure and an attempt to silence them, but they respond with greater boldness. Instead of isolating themselves after their arrest, they go to the Church for comfort, strength, and prayer. We see a pattern emerge: pressure drives us to community, community leads us to prayer, prayer brings power, and power produces boldness. Too often we struggle to speak because we're trying to stand alone, but boldness is formed in community and fueled by real experience with Jesus. We're built up in here, so we can speak up out there.

Questions:

Ice Breaker: What is something random you could give a passionate speech about with zero preparation (like a favorite sports team, favorite restaurant, tv show, etc.)?

1. Read Acts 3 together as a group. Note how Peter and John responded to the blind man. Think about all that Peter and John experienced over the past couple of months with being filled with the Holy Spirit. What do you notice about Peter and John? What has changed in them?
2. What is the main point of Peter's message to the crowd in 3:11-16? In your understanding, what does "repent" mean? (see Digging Deeper)

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MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 4:13 NLT

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

3. Now Read Acts 4 together. What about Peter's message disturbed the leaders? Why were they threatened?
4. What are some key truths that we learn about Jesus in Peter's response in 4:8-12?
5. When the authorities demand Peter and John stay silent, how do they respond? Where in your life are you tempted to stay silent about your faith?
6. In Acts 4:23–31, what do the believers do immediately after Peter and John are released? What do you notice about the content of their prayer, especially what they do not pray for?
7. Pastor Neal emphasized this pattern: Pressure → Church gathers → Prayer → Power → Boldness. How do you see that pattern unfold in Acts 4:23–31?
8. How do you need to lean in more to Christian community? How can you speak up about Jesus "out there" in your job, school, or neighborhood? (See Digging Deeper below)

DIGGING DEEPER

Question 2—

The Greek word for "repent" is *μετανοέω* (*metanoēō*). This is a compound word: the root "noeo" means "to direct one's mind." The "meta" can make the word mean "to change one's mind." It conveys the idea of turning away *from* something and turning *to* God.

New Testament Scholar N. T. Wright offers a helpful definition of repentance:

"It is widely used in Old Testament and subsequent Jewish literature to indicate both a personal turning away from sin and Israel's corporate turning away from idolatry and back to YHWH. Through both meanings, it is linked to the idea of 'return from exile'; if Israel is to 'return' in all senses, it must 'return' to YHWH. This is at the heart of the summons of both John the Baptist and Jesus. In Paul's writings it is mostly used for Gentiles turning away from idols to serve the true God; also for sinning Christians who need to return to Jesus."

—Wright, N. T. *Mark for Everyone*. Westminster: London, 2004.

Question 8—

Do you struggle to share the gospel and would like help in this area? It is often easier to invite people to church and have a pastor share the gospel than to share the gospel yourself. But we are ALL called to bring the gospel everywhere we go through the power of the Holy Spirit!

If you and your life group want to grow in this area, we have a 3-week class on our website called "How to Share Your Faith and Disciple Others," It can be found here <https://cvchurch.org/classes/>

You can watch the videos, discuss them as a group, and hold each other accountable to share the gospel!