



WEEK 3 - WE SPEAK BOLDLY ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE DEEPLY.

The story so far... (Acts 3:1-8, 11-12, 4:1-10, 13-20)

- **Icebreaker Question:** What subject do you find the most easy to speak about?
- Look at Acts 1:6-9. How do you think the disciples would have felt receiving this commission from Jesus? Is it an easy task or a difficult one?
- Jesus once said “ “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” What does this tell you about Jesus expectation of us? How does this make you feel?
- What reassurance would Peter and John have taken from the words Jesus spoke to them in Matthew 10:18-20? How was this fulfilled in Acts 4:8? Have you ever experienced anything like this in your own life?
- In what other ways does the Holy Spirit help us to be a bold witness for Jesus?
- The leading priests could say nothing against Peter and John because the evidence of the changed life was plane to see (Acts 4:14). What has changed in your life since you came to know Jesus?
- On Sunday Dan said “The absolute best tool you have been given for evangelism is not your extensive knowledge of the bible, or your firm grasp of Christian apologetics, it is the difference Jesus has made in your life”. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- Must we provide a verbal witness, or can we just let our lives do the talking? (Acts 4:4)
- What did you make of Atheist Penn Jillette’s comment: “If you believe there is a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward. How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?” Is he being fair?
- What does Acts 4:19-20 tell us about Peter and John’s perspective? What is your perspective?
- What sorts of things get in the way of us being a good witness for Jesus? How can we overcome them?

Finish by praying together (Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness)