



Week 5: Bold Faith

In Acts 4, Peter and John refuse to be silenced and boldly proclaim what they have seen and heard about Jesus, even when it costs them. Their faith-filled obedience becomes a point of divergence that fuels the growth of the church and helps shape a culture grounded in human dignity, truth, and love. As our culture moves away from those values, this passage challenges the church to stop playing defense and start living a bold faith that expresses itself through love. The question isn't what we would have done then, but what we will do now.

Discussion Questions:

1. Shawn talked about the tendency to play it safe with our faith and take a defensive posture rather than an offensive one. Where do you most notice yourself “playing defense” right now: where you live, where you work, or where you play? Why do you think that is?
2. Acts 4 was a point of divergence that shaped church history. Can you think of a moment in your own life where bold faith shaped what came next?
3. **Read Acts 4:19-20.** What has Jesus done in your life that you have seen or experienced, but rarely talk about? What holds you back?
4. We're living through a cultural shift away from Christian values that once shaped society. How have you personally felt or experienced that shift, and how do you think Jesus is calling His church to respond with both truth and grace?
5. The early church didn't argue people into faith. They loved them in ways that demanded explanation. Spend time discussing how your group could serve together to demonstrate love to the community that might lead to opportunities to proclaim the gospel.
6. What's one specific step you can take this week to live your faith in a way that might raise a question about Jesus?