STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

How would you define boldness?

What has been something bold that you have done in your life or something bold that someone you know did?

[digging deeper]

Read all of Acts chapter 4 (take turns if in a group reading sections of Scripture). Make a note of all the moments where you see evidence of boldness. Write them down and share with your group.

After reading these verses, what did you see or hear that really encouraged you in the area of boldness? What really convicted or challenged you?

The life message from last Sunday was that "Bold living isn't cozy living." How does that go against what we hear, see, and sense in our American culture - even in the American church?

Read a few of these other verses on boldness and explain what they teach about boldness:

Prov. 28:1 2 Cor. 3:12 Eph 6:19 2 Tim. 1:7 Heb. 13:6

How is boldness part of living as a disciple of Jesus?

How does one live boldly for Jesus without swinging to the extremes of passiveness or obnoxiousness?

[living it out]

Ask each other how you are doing in the "3 habit challenge" (introduced a few weeks ago) and add how this habit can help us be more bold. Partner up if you are in a group for this time.

• Beloved Child/Self-Feeder

- o How did you do in being in the Word and prayer daily last week?
- o How can being in the Word & prayer daily make you more bold?

• Servant/Investor

- o How did you do blessing 2 people last week (1 believer, 1 unbeliever)?
- o How can you be more bold with this habit?

• Discipler/Missionary

- o How did you do eating with 2 people last week (1 believer, 1 unbeliever)?
- o How can you be more bold with this habit?

Close in prayer as a group or with your partner, praying for each other to live boldly for Jesus.