



**Week of April 25, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Share about an experience where you felt like God was asking you to do something that seemed scary, risky, or impossible? What did you do and how did you manage those emotions?
2. Read aloud the prayer in Acts 4:24-31. What inspires or challenges you about Peter and John's response to their life threatening circumstances?
3. Read Acts 4:32-34. The early followers of Jesus demonstrated boldness, unity, and extravagant generosity. Which of those do you need more of in your life? What are the barriers you face to demonstrating them?
4. The application of the message was to pray for the wisdom to know, boldness to go, and power to show? If you had more of those three qualities, how would it change your faith and obedience with God? Are you praying for those three qualities daily? If you are what do you hope to see God do in and through you as a result?
5. What is one key take-away you have from this series? How can our group encourage you to apply what God has been teaching you or leading you to do?

- Optional: Spend time praying for each other to have the wisdom to know, boldness to go, and power to show.

### **Moving Forward**

Paul said “God will never ask you to do anything you can do on your own.” Does that inspire you or overwhelm you? If it overwhelms you why do you think that might be? What you could miss out on by thinking only what is within your ability to do?

### **Acts 4:23-33**

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup>When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:“ ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

<sup>27</sup>Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

<sup>28</sup>They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

<sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all...