

TSC: Bold in Witness

Acts 4.8-13 + John 20.19-22

Key Points:

- The disciples go from hiding in fear (John 20) to boldly telling everyone about Jesus (Acts 4). If we're honest, we're often more like the John 20 disciples than Acts 4 disciples - we're afraid we don't know enough, or we'll offend people, or we'll embarrass ourselves.
- What changed for the disciples? v.19 says that Jesus was *with* them - they spent time with the resurrected Jesus - and v.22 says that he breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. As a result people were amazed at the disciples' boldness and recognised them as those who had been with Jesus. (Acts 4.13)
- We speak boldly about what we believe deeply. But this isn't about us trying harder or being trained in methods. It's about 1. **Spending time with Jesus as being filled up with the Holy Spirit** and 2. **Ask God to make you bold** (a prayer that He loves to answer!).

Questions:

1. Have you ever shared your faith with someone? What was that like?
2. What do you think stops you from more boldly telling others about your faith?
3. Read Matthew 16:24. How do you think this passage applies to sharing your faith with others?
4. What are some ways you already share your faith?
5. Read Acts 4:13. Who's someone you recognise as a person who has "*been with Jesus.*" How so?
6. How would you like to become more bold in sharing your faith? What do you think it will take?

Start praying

7. God, thank You for Jesus. Please help us deny our fear, laziness, or pride. Help us step out and share Your love. We ask for boldness from the Holy Spirit so, like Peter and John, we won't be able to stop telling others about You. Amen.

Start doing - draw out some steps to do (either in the meeting or this week)

8. Who's one person you'll share your faith with soon? Share with the group and ask someone to pray for you now to be filled with Holy Spirit boldness and for the opportunity to arise.