

Speaking with Boldness Discussion Questions

Acts 4:23-31

November 23-24, 2019

1. Who is your support group and how do they support you?
2. Read Proverbs 13:20. How have you seen the truth of this verse played out?
3. How does persecution bring greater solidarity?
4. Why does preaching lead to persecution? How does persecution then lead to praise?
5. What does Tim Keller mean when he says, "Most people want Jesus as a consultant rather than king?"
6. How are Christians who are just fans a threat to the church?
7. How has memorizing Scripture helped you in your life?
8. What verse(s) are you currently working to memorize? Why did you pick this/these verse(s)?
9. How do you pray? What kind of requests do you make?
10. When you pray about your problems, what do you usually ask of God? How might that change after pondering the sermon this week?
11. How has God shaken you up in the past? Is He shaking you up now? If so, how?
12. Read Acts 4:31. Pastor Brian mention this is the third time Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. Why didn't He stay filled with the Holy Spirit?
13. Read the following verses: Acts 9:27, 13:46, 14:3, 19:8, 26:26, 28:31. Does hearing about other people being bold in their witness of Christ encourage you to be bold? Why or why not?
14. Would your co-workers call you a "secret agent" or do they know you are a Christian? Explain your answer.
15. Which do you tend to be more often a "secret agent" or a bold Christian? Explain your answer.
16. What changes do you have to make to uphold the "Fellowship of the Unashamed" declaration? (This declaration is on the back.)

Fellowship of the Unashamed

“I’m a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I’m a disciple of His and I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I’m done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity.

I don’t have to be right, or first, or tops, or recognized, or praised, or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won’t give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He’ll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!”