



Adult Life Groups & Care Groups

Shively Baptist Church | Louisville, KY

Care Group Leaders Handout For Sunday June 8th, 2014

Planned Schedule:

- 0900-0910 – Meet & Greet in Life Groups
- 0910-0915 – Focus (TBD)
- 0915-0930 – Teaching Time (Life Group Leaders)
- 0930-1015 – Care Group Time (Care Group Leaders)



God's Church on the Move "Holy Boldness" Acts 4:1-31

The Holy Spirit empowers Holy boldness ... to seek Holy boldness (Acts 4:23-31)

Asking for boldness through prayer (vv24-30)

1. **Acknowledging who God is (v24)** – *Some people use the acrostic ACTS to assist them when they pray (A^doration, C^onfession, T^hanksgiving, S^upplication). The first part of their prayer starts with adoration – of praising God for who He is. Last week we discussed that fallen man fails to recognize and worship God for who He is. **Spend a few moments discussing the Person of God, and have someone lead in a few moments of a prayer of adoration.***
2. **Speaking God's Word back to Him (vv25-6)** – *Speaking God's words back to Him isn't "lazy" or "stealing". Speaking God's words back to Him is a way of saying that you are accepting His perspective on whatever is at hand – relying upon Him as the source of truth, and the one who is ultimately in control of the situation. **Have group members share passages that they tend to call to mind when they pray God's Words back to Him.***
3. **Acknowledging the truth of the situation (v27)** – *While we may admit that our perspectives are not perfect like God's, we do have to recognize the issues at hand. To recognize and acknowledge the issues that we may be facing isn't faithlessness – it is integrity. Before we can marvel at the way God is about to work, we need to recognize the seriousness of the issue we are facing. **Consider having group members share times when they had to stop denying and admit to God that they were in trouble. (At your discretion, have people admit to the group issues they may currently be in denial about. Pray for them, and work together to be used to meet needs where they may exist.)***



4. **Submitting yourself to the will of God (v28)** – *As difficult as it may be to understand, even the hard things that come into our lives are there for a purpose that God is behind – for our good and His glory. Encourage your group with this truth.*

5. **Requesting boldness to speak God’s Word** – *We often fail to be bold ... and seldom ask God to make us bolder. Boldness is not brashness, arrogance or rudeness; boldness can even be subtle at times. Queen Esther was bold, and yet subtle. The definition of boldness includes, “not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuff; courageous and daring.” Consider brainstorming ways that we can be bolder in our witness and testimony (as individuals and as a church). Then, take time to ask God to give us boldness to carry through with some of these ideas.*

6. **Requesting God to work miraculously through the name of Jesus** – *What we do, and how we do it, should both make much of His name. But even more than this – we should be calling upon God to do what only He can do (turn hearts of stone to hearts of flesh, convict, enlighten, redeem, etc.). Center your group on the idea that we should be actively asking God to do what only He can do and in a way that makes much of the name (purposes, power, renown, majesty, etc.) of Jesus.*