



Adult Life Groups & Care Groups

Shively Baptist Church | Louisville, KY

Life 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

Background: Each point of the message the line "The Holy Spirit empowers Holy Boldness to ..." Points include: proclaim Jesus' name, obey God, etc. The third point of Pastor Bill's message this week is an encouragement that "The Holy Spirit empowers Holy Boldness ... to seek Holy Boldness."

This may sound a little cyclical ... and it is.)One of the aspects of emboldened conduct we see in Acts 4 (specifically in vv 23-31) is an emboldened cry for even more boldness. When that is received, we would expect an even bolder request for even greater boldness, and so on.

It is striking that one of the testimonies of the truthfulness of the resurrection is the change in the conduct of the disciples from before and after they experience the risen Savior. A group of disenfranchised, disillusioned, meek, denying, fearful men change in such a dramatic fashion that their God empowered actions are used by God to "turn the world upside down."

Bill doesn't believe he will have time to detail each of these points in the sermon, so we are going to take a few lines from his notes and go through the verses one at a time during Life Group - laying out the steps we see taking place. Then, during our Care Group time, we are going to return to the steps, and put a little more application and personal points of contact to the exegesis.

So ... for Life Group time ... simply walk through the verses, and note the sequence of steps.

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

A. Uniting with other believers (23)

23 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.

B. Asking for boldness through prayer (24-30)



1. Acknowledging who God is (v24)

*24 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.*

2. Speaking God’s Word back to Him (vv25-6)

25 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?*

*26 The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.*

3. Acknowledging the truth of the situation (v27)

27 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.

4. Submitting yourself to the will of God (v28)

28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

5. Requesting boldness to speak God’s Word

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

6. Requesting God to work miraculously through the name of Jesus

30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 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.