



The Unstoppable Witness

Week Three | Study Guide

Summary

This sermon focuses on Acts 4, examining how the early church demonstrated unstoppable boldness in witnessing despite persecution. The pastor discusses how Peter and John, when threatened by the Sanhedrin not to speak about Jesus, responded with courage and continued to share their faith. The message emphasizes that this same boldness is available to believers today through the power of the Holy Spirit, the authority of Jesus' name, and prayer.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us about being bold witnesses for You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and give us the courage to share our faith just as the early church did. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's one of your favorite memories with your father or a father figure in your life?

Key Verses

Acts 4:12 | Acts 4:13 | Acts 4:20 | Acts 4:31

Questions

- What does it mean to be an 'unstoppable witness' for Christ?
- How did Peter and John's response to persecution demonstrate their transformation after Pentecost?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in giving us boldness to share our faith?
- How can we apply the early church's prayer pattern to our own prayer life?
- What does it mean to speak and act 'in the name of Jesus'?
- How does the resurrection of Jesus give us courage to be bold witnesses?
- What are some ways we might be holding back from sharing our faith due to fear?
- How can we support each other in being more bold witnesses for Christ?

Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus. Commit to praying daily for boldness and an opportunity to share your faith with them. When the opportunity comes, step out in faith and share your testimony, trusting in the Holy Spirit's power.

Key Takeaways

- True boldness comes from the resurrection power of Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to be effective witnesses
- The name of Jesus carries authority and power in our witness
- Prayer is essential for maintaining and increasing our boldness
- We need regular refilling of the Holy Spirit to maintain spiritual power

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the example of the early church and their unstoppable witness. Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit and give us the same boldness they had. Help us to be witnesses who cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard. Use us to impact our communities with the gospel message. In Jesus' name, Amen.