

BEING UNASHAMED OF YOUR FAITH

Objective for Learning: To have the confidence to share your faith regardless of where you are at or who you are with.

Objective for Living: To boldly and actively share your faith regularly throughout your daily life.

Objective for Reproducing: To be the catalyst to empower and train others to move in bold confidence when it comes to sharing their faith with others.

Scriptures for Boldness:

- Romans 1:16
- Acts 28:31
- Proverbs 28:1
- Acts 4:31
- 2 Corinthians 3:12
- Acts 4:13

- Hebrews 13:6
- Joshua 1:9
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Philippians 1:20
- Psalm 27:1

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Sharing our faith is a non-negotiable command of Jesus. Many of us, however, shy away from this call because of fear, uncertainty, or timidity. But with the help of the Holy Spirit and His empowerment (Acts 1:8), we have everything we need to complete the task that Jesus has given us. The boldness is not our own, but given to us from God. He would never ask us to do something He did not equip us for (2 Peter 1:3). When we realize the powerful identity we have in Christ and the resurrection power coursing through our spiritual veins, there is nothing that can stop us! The real source of power is derived from the love that God gives us and the ability to see others through the lens of that love. When we can see others, regardless of how averse they may be to the Gospel message, with the love and heart of the Father, fear melts away and we are able to deliver the good news in bold and powerful ways that draw on the compassion and power of God.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- What changed the disciples from hiding in an upper room (John 20:19) to boldly preaching in the streets of Jerusalem and in the face and threats of the religious leaders (Acts 4:13)?
- What is hindering you from being bold with your faith? What roadblocks do you see in pursuit of radical courage with sharing your faith?
 - What can you do to work on removing those barriers?
- How important is sharing our faith in regards to following Jesus? Is it essential that we actively pursue it (Matt. 28:19-20)? How does God's love play into this?
- What do you do if you don't have an extroverted or confrontational personality?
 Does that change the call to share?
- How do non-confrontational personalities remain faithful to the call to share?

Questions for Reproducing:

- What was the turning point for you in regards to a boldness of sharing?
 o How can you reproduce that in others?
- What other ways can confidence be bolstered in others in regards to sharing their faith?
- How do you reproduce the intimacy with Jesus through the Holy Spirit that is the catalyst to supernatural boldness that we see in the Biblical passages mentioned above?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What stood out to you? What did you learn from this time together?
- Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.