

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 4:23-31
Discussion Guide: August 20, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." -Acts 4:12

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?
- In what way did you live a life necessitating the Holy Spirit this past week?

READ and ASK: Acts 4:23-31

- After their release from prison, where did they go?
 - o What does that communicate about the importance of the church family?
- When they got to their church family, what did they do?
 - o In what tone, and in what way, do you think the religious leaders reported what happened to them (and what the religious leaders told them)?
- What did they pray? (rephrase their prayer)
 - o When we pray, why is it helpful to recall the way God has acted in the past?
 - o How does quoting scripture when we pray help build our faith?
- What can we learn as a church from this passage?

APPLY:

- What challenges you most from this text?
- What truth from this passage equips you to face resistance to your faith in Jesus?
- How are your prayers in crises like and unlike this prayer?
 - o NEXT STEP: How does this text challenge you to pray differently this week?

Memory Work:

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. - Acts 4:29

Next Week's Reading:

OPEN