

Sermon Discussion Questions
The Church Jesus is Building: Week 4
Acts 4:23-31

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Acts 4:23-31**.*

1. What stands out to you about the picture of Spirit-led boldness in the passage? Read Acts 3 and 4:1-22 for more background.
2. What does their prayer reveal about the character of God? What are some of the characteristics of God and actions of God that they identify?
3. What was the source of the early church's boldness?
4. We defined **bold** faith as the clarity, confidence, and courage that comes from the Holy Spirit. How is bold faith different from **blind** faith?
5. What is your next step of bold faith? Think about each of the following:
 - How will you get more clarity around who God is? What will you read and study?
 - What does your prayer life look like right now? What is giving you confidence in God's work in your life right now? What is taking away your confidence?
 - Where do you need to pray a bold prayer or take bold action?
6. In what area of your life are you ready to pray, "Holy Spirit do whatever it takes"? Where are you hesitant to pray? When are you most bold in your faith? What makes it difficult for you to be bold?

If you would like to dig a little deeper, here are some more scriptures to read and questions to guide you.

Read Psalm 2, which quoted in the prayer for boldness.

- What does the psalm reveal about Jesus?
- What does the psalm say about the nature of God?
- What promise is contained in the psalm?
- How does the psalm encourage you today?

What has God been teaching you through your weaknesses this week?