

“Bold at Home” | Peter and John

GETTING STARTED: What are some of the places you have called “home” over the years? Who in this group has lived in the greatest number of places?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. Read Acts 1:4-8. Summarize the disciples’ questions. How does Jesus answer them? What is important about Jesus’ use of the words “you will receive...” and “you will be...” in verse 8?
2. Some might see Peter and John’s arrest as solely negative. What about that situation gave these two men a unique platform to witness about Jesus to others? How might boldness make the difference between a negative personal experience and a positive experience for the gospel?
3. Read Acts 4:24-26. How did Peter and John’s close community of believers respond upon their release from prison? When have you responded to a stressful situation in a similar way? Why isn’t this always our natural response?
4. Read Acts 4:27-30. Considering their recent circumstances, what sorts of things might Peter and John and their community have been tempted to request of God? What is unique about the requests that they made? What can we learn from this?
5. What is meant by the phrase “anyway attitude”? How can this attitude be fostered? How can this attitude be doused?

6. In what ways does our church practice radical unity and radical generosity? What causes this? What aspects of our church might need to change for the greatest impact in these areas?
7. Read Acts 4:32. How did the early believers in Jesus respond after being filled with the Spirit and speaking the word of God boldly?
8. Where have you seen boldness lived out at South Side in the last 12 months? When have you been bold? What excites you most about the next 12 months of our Uncharted initiative?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Use this “Bold: Heroes of the Uncharted” sermon series to become more acquainted with several New Testament characters. Use the “Field Guide” (passed out on Sunday, also available at the “Uncharted” wall) to review the backgrounds of Peter and John and read more about their stories in scripture.

PRAYER

Use the words of Acts 4:24-26 (borrowed from Psalm 2) to focus your prayers this week. Take time to speak back to God what He has first spoken.

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