

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Make Room” (pt. 5) - 03.12.16

Scripture: Acts 14:1-7

Bottom Line: Speak **BOLDY** for the Lord

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

The Book of Acts reveals ordinary people doing extraordinary things through the power of the Holy Spirit. This weeks text details Jesus’ disciples, “speaking boldly for the Lord”

1) What do you think it looks like to, “speak boldly for the Lord”?

2) What are some reasons why we don’t speak boldly about Jesus?

Answer: Fear, culture says faith is private not public, we don’t know how, etc.

3) Share a time where you felt God gave you the strength to, “speak boldly for the Lord”?

Read Acts 14:1-7

1) Adam shared the “how and whys” of speaking boldly for the Lord in Acts 14. Take time to discuss a few of Pastor’s Adam’s points with your small group.

a. BOLD: In vs. 3 we see the disciples “Speaking Boldly for the Lord

What does it look like for you and I to speak boldly for the Lord?

Answer: Freely, confident, without fear, trusting in God’s sovereignty, humble, loving and caring.

b. LIVE LIKE A MISSIONARY: Verse 1 detailed how the disciples ENTERED into their world and they REMAINED there a long time.

In what ways can you live like a missionary in your everyday life?

Answer: Move toward the mess, engage outsiders, love others as Jesus loved you, etc.

c. UNDERSTANDABLE: v1 “Spoke in such a way that both Jews and greeks believed”.

How can you communicate the gospel in an understandable manner?

Answer: Know and understand the basics of the gospel! No “Christianese” / language non-Christians wouldn’t understand. Jesus used everyday ideas and language.

d. CHRIST CENTERED: v3 “who bore witness to the word of his grace”

What should you share when you speak boldly?

Answer: Jesus! The content of our message & way we share is “grace”. **Application:** Share about Jesus. **Motivation:** The Bible is all about Jesus

e. GRACE-FILLED: v3 “who bore witness to the word of his grace”

How can you speak boldly in a “grace-filled” way?

Answer: The content of our message & way we share is “grace”. Share with grace because grace is how God treated us. You’re not trying to win an argument!

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

1) Remember the 3 nots--3 stages of life when it’s easier get on someone else’s turf and move towards their mess, speaking boldly: a) they’re not from here b) they’re not in church c). things aren’t going well.

2) Who has God placed on your heart to speak boldly with about Jesus? Share with your group and pray for these people by name!