

LifeGroup Meeting

It's A Brand New Year, Is It The Same Old You
"Boldness to Share the Message"

Get To Know You Question:

What word do you always mispronounce? What word does Pastor Scott often mispronounce?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read **Acts 17:1-15**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?
2. RECAP of this Series: Our entire nature is changed the moment we believe in Jesus (Positional Transformation). Our character is constantly changing due to our new nature (Practical Transformation). It is changing as we have a passion for prayer, faithfulness to serve Christ, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and fellowship with believers. As our character is changing, we then go out and have an effect on our world (Effectual Transformation). The first effect is we make a commitment to speak about Christ to other. This week we will look at two more effects we have on our world.
3. **WE NEED BOLDNESS:**
 - Scott mentioned that boldness was: our willingness to venture out and do the right thing at the right time, regardless of the barriers or fears we may encounter. How do we do this for Christ?
 - Read **Acts 17:6**. What did the people mean when they said, "These men have turned the world upside down?" How was boldness at play here?
 - What steps did Satan take to attack their boldness and how did this affect Paul? (**Acts 17:13-15**). How does Satan attack you to keep you from being bold?
 - Persecution can take different forms. It can either be obvious and brutal, or subtle and slow. What type of persecution is common for Christians in our society when they go out and be bold for Christ?
 - In what ways does our own commitment and devotion to sharing Jesus with others need to change so that we have a boldness and willingness to do whatever God is leading us to and go wherever God is leading us to go?
 - In what ways is the message of Jesus uncomfortable and inconvenient for you? How do you respond?

4. WE NEED CONTENT

- If we have boldness without content (something to say) what good is our boldness?
 - How serious should we take the teaching of God's word?
 - What did Paul "reason from" in this passage? Why was this important (**2 Timothy 3:14-17**)? How is God's word essential in salvation (**Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 2: 1-2**)?
 - Do you think it is normal for people to get upset by the sharing of God's word? (**John 6:60-66, Mark 6:1-6**).
 - How would you describe the world today? Is everything as it should be? What are some of the problems? What is the reason for this (**Genesis 3:17-19; Isaiah 24:5-6; Romans 8:20-22; John 7:7**)?
 - Go back to **Acts 17:6**. What were Paul and Silas accused of doing to the world? What were they really do and why did this upset so many?
 - How did the Bereans compare to those at Thessalonica? When sharing the message of Christ, some may be eager and some may not. How do you handle the two?
 - How should we approach our study of God's word (**2 Timothy 2:15; James 1:22**)? How was Ezra similar to the Bereans (**Ezra 7:10**)?
 - What does Acts 17 tell us about the importance of sharing God's word? What may be the consequences?
5. What changes can we make this week to be more bold as we share the content (message) of Jesus Christ to others? Can you share with the group a person that God has put on your heart to be bold with this week and share Christ?
6. End in Prayer.