

COMMUNITY CURRICULUM GUIDE A New Resilience - Week 6 Boldness March 12, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alpha: Have questions about faith, life, and God? Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore questions in a non-judging space. This 11-week series begins **Thursday, March 9th**. Dinner is provided. Find out more and register to attend here.

Blanket & Pillow Drive: Donate <u>new</u> pillows & blankets to be given to senior adults in our community! **Items can be dropped off** on Sunday mornings in the lobby, or at the church office Monday-Thursday during regular business hours, **through Sunday**, **March 26th**. Questions? Email **amanda@northridgenow.org**.

Baptisms: We're hosting baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 9th! Find out more and sign up here. (There is a required pre-baptism class on Sunday, March 26th between services.)

Everyday Carry Men's Retreat: We're hosting a men's retreat at Camp Caraway on April 14th & 15th. Find out more and register to attend here. Registration will close on Sunday, March 26th.

For more information about our events, check out / download our app! (North Ridge Church Asheboro)

STUDY GUIDE:

PRAYER

Before beginning the study, pray aloud, using either your own words or the words provided.

"And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." - Acts 4:29-30 NLT

GETTING STARTED

Take a minute, as individuals, to pause and write down what keeps you from sharing the best news ever, the good news about Jesus, with others. Is fear of rejection: are you a people pleaser? Is it faithlessness in your life: you don't really believe? Is it guilt and shame in your life, either your own guilt or some sin in your life that makes you feel unworthy to share the good news, or shame for the church? Do you have false ecclesiology: it's the job of the professionals? Is it Christian ghettoization: you have become so isolated that you don't know anyone to share with, or, worse, that you want to share with? Or is it something else? Set a timer for five minutes and think and pray on this. Then, afterward, share as you feel comfortable.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 4:1-13 out loud. What stands out to you in these verses?

Re-read Acts 4:1-13 out loud. What three things stand out to the Temple Leaders about Peter and John? Share how these three things are or should be our attributes.

GETTING PERSONAL

If you had a cure for cancer, would you share it? Why or why not?

When was the last time you shared the good news about Jesus with someone? Be as specific as possible about the person and circumstances.

We looked at two quotes this week:

- God seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures. He
 commands us to do slowly and blunderingly what he can do perfectly and in the twinkling of an
 eye. C.S. Lewis
- "What does bother me is when people claim to know Jesus and love Jesus, and yet, they don't care enough to tell me about him...How much do you have to hate someone to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?" Penn Jillette

How do these quotes impact your feeling of responsibility and urgency to share the good news?

Jesus calls us to boldly go and share the good news of His life, death, and resurrection, beginning with prayer, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and with scope and clarity. Discuss how Peter and John did this in the verses you read today and how you can follow their example.

NEXT STEPS

Using the acronym BOLD, share the good news with three people this week:

Begin with prayer - Identify and pray for three people that God wants you to share with.

- Prayer always precedes action. God wants us to talk with him first.
- Set a reminder to pray for your people daily, just in case you forget.

Opportunity - Be open and expectant for the opportunities God will give you to share.

Don't be afraid; God's got this!

Led - Let the Holy Spirit lead your conversation in scope and clarity.

You don't have to know all the right words; that's what the Holy Spirit's for!

Depend - Depend on God to do the rest.

Remember He doesn't need us; He is just giving us the privilege of participating.

One easy way is to invite your three people to come to ALPHA with you! Next week, share with your group how it goes. Close in prayer, asking God to give you boldness to share His good news!

Additional Resources:

• **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Contact discipleship@northridgenow.org for your free login.

(Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.)