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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

One Thing: “Bold Faith”
Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11 and Acts 4:13-21

ICEBREAKER

What is something you have done recently that required courage or stepping outside your comfort zone?

OR

When you think about your faith right now, would you describe it as exploratory, cautious, steady, or bold? Why?

INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches that there is one thing that truly pleases God: faith. Faith is more than intellectual belief—it is trust in the reality of God that leads us to act with courage and obedience. Throughout Hebrews 11 we see men and women who trusted God enough to move forward even when the outcome was uncertain. This invites an important question for us today: Is God pleased with our faith?

INTO THE WORD

1. Faith Is the One Thing That Pleases God
Read Hebrews 11:6, Mark 6:1-6, and Luke 7:1-10. According to Hebrews 11:6, what does it mean to have faith that pleases God? Why do you think Jesus responded so strongly to both lack of faith and great faith in the Gospels?

2. Bold Faith Comes from the Holy Spirit
Read Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:7, and John 14:26. Why is it important to understand that bold faith is not a personality trait but something given by the Holy Spirit? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit giving you courage or prompting you to act in faith?

3. Bold Faith Speaks Truth and Chooses Obedience
Read Acts 4:13–21, Acts 4:29, and Acts 5:29. What stands out to you about how Peter and John responded to pressure from the authorities? What situations today might require believers to choose obedience to God over approval from others?

4. Bold Faith Endures Because Hope Is Greater Than Fear
Read Acts 7:55, Romans 8:18, and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How did Stephen’s vision of Jesus strengthen him even in the face of suffering? How does focusing on eternal hope help believers live with bold faith today?

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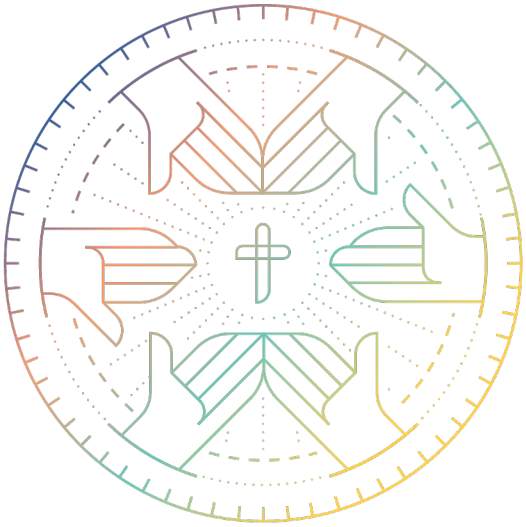

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Bold faith always moves outward. It is not only about personal belief—it leads us to **make God known**. When believers trust God deeply, they naturally begin to reflect Him in everyday life. Conversations about faith become more natural. Acts of generosity become more joyful. Serving others becomes an expression of gratitude rather than obligation. Bold faith does not mean we never feel fear. It means our hope in Jesus becomes greater than our fear. Discuss with your group:

1. Where might God be inviting you to live with greater boldness in your faith right now?
2. Who in your life might need to hear about the hope you have in Jesus?

TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Make God Known:** Pray for an opportunity to talk about your faith with someone. Invite a friend, coworker, or neighbor to church. Consider being baptized.
- **Seek God Daily:** Ask God to help you trust Him enough to step forward when the opportunity to share Jesus comes. Write down a lie that hinders your boldness, then tear it up, throw it away, and declare truth over that lie.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You that faith is what pleases You—not perfection. Fill us with the power of Your Holy Spirit so we can live with courage and boldness to share the truth about Jesus and the hope we have in Him. Help our hope in Christ become greater than our fear. Give us opportunities this week to make You known. In Jesus' name, Amen.