

Sermon Notes

1. We must share the gospel with _____. 5-22

2. We must _____ for boldness to share the gospel. 23-31

Journey Group Questions

1. In Acts 4, the apostles faced persecution because of the content of their preaching (the resurrection from the dead, vv. 1-2) and the authority of their preaching (the name of Jesus Christ, vv. 2, 17-18). How do we face similar resistance or animosity from people today over these things?

2. Read John 15:18-25. As you consider Jesus' teaching in these verses, what is the underlying cause of animosity and resistance toward the gospel and toward those who proclaim the gospel? How do these verses encourage us as we experience these things as Christians and as a church today?

3. Read Matthew 5:10-12, Luke 6:22-23, and 1 Peter 4:12-14. These verses claim that we are blessed when people mistreat us because of our faith in Christ. How is such mistreatment a source of blessing?

4. In Acts 4:13, Peter and John are described as "uneducated, common men," yet the religious officials were astonished by their boldness. What was the source of their boldness and, likewise, what is the source of such boldness in our lives today?

5. What does it look like for us to live as bold Christ-followers today in our homes, schools, workplaces, etc.?