

# Point Group Notes

Message from 1/28/24

## Getting to know you...

1. We all have things that we are passionate about. Typically, we are BOLD about the things we are PASSIONATE about. What makes you BOLD?
2. Boldness is often noticeable. When have you seen boldness in the wild? How did it affect you?
3. One of the fascinating things about this text is that they didn't pray for the "easy way out". They prayed for something sure to bring them more trouble; even though it was hard, it was the right thing to do. Have you ever had to pray for the strength to do the right thing, even when it was hard? What was that like?

**Quick Review** – Have a look at your sermon notes from last week. What stood out to you the most? Did you learn anything new? Did anything said leave you with any questions?

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## Digging Deeper...

In Acts 4, we see a prayer for Boldness instead of a prayer of escape or safety. We don't even see a prayer asking God to topple the leaders who hated the gospel. That's because the believers in Acts 4 acted out of a sense of *obedience*. As we pray, it is helpful to know what we should be doing so we can be praying out of a similar level of obedience! Have a look at the following passage and answer the questions below.

**Matthew 28:18-20** - <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>o</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. As you look back at this passage...
  - What is it that we are supposed to be doing? What are the steps that we are to take?



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- Specifically, what does obedience to this passage look like for you in your context?
  
  - **Who** should you be witnessing to?
  
  - **How** can you teach them how to love Jesus?
  
  - **What** part of this passage should encourage us? Disciple-making is something that requires *boldness* because it's something that unsettles people and disrupts the status quo. What in Matthew 28:18-20 should be held in our hearts as we journey in this endeavor? Why?
2. The prayer in Acts 4 was amazing because the believers prayed Psalm 2:1-2 and understood it was prophetic about what was happening around them. As you look at *your* situation, write how you would pray for boldness for your context. Think about promises in scripture, the people around you that you want boldness to share Christ with despite how hard or awkward it might be. Ultimately, pray that God would give you the boldness to do what he called us to do in Matthew 28 – make disciples!

## Taking it Home...

1. Who in your life do you feel like you need to be witnessing to? What is the #1 thing holding you back?
  
2. Thinking about your answer to the above question, how can your Point Group pray for you specifically this week? In what area do you need the most boldness?

