



Faith Community Church
Time to Be Bold

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His calling, and to give courage for honest discussion and bold obedience.

Icebreaker: Share a time when you were afraid to do something but did it anyway. What happened?

Key Takeaways:

1. One act of boldness can have a significant impact on someone's eternal destiny.
2. When God calls us to something, our obedience must be immediate.
3. Encountering Jesus changes our lives, not necessarily our circumstances.
4. God doesn't call the qualified; He does the work through those He calls.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you practice seeking, giving, sharing, or repainting last week? Tell us about it!
2. Pastor Matt shared a painful story about not sharing the gospel with his father-in-law. Why do you think we hesitate to share our faith with people we're closest to? Do you have any stories to share? (Psalm 101:2, Deuteronomy 6:5-9)
3. The angel said "Fear not" and replaced fear with joy. How can the joy of the gospel overcome our fear of rejection? (Luke 2:10-11, 15-17)
4. The shepherds "went with haste" - they didn't hesitate or make excuses. What excuses do we commonly make for delaying obedience to God's prompting? (1 Samuel 15:22-23)
5. The sermon emphasized that "when we delay, we're less likely to obey." Have you experienced this in your own spiritual life? Share an example. (Acts 24:24-27, Luke 6:46-49)
6. The shepherds were society's outcasts, yet they boldly shared the message. Why do you think God chose shepherds instead of some other group? (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

7. Pastor Matt shared about his evangelism assignment - one person accepted Christ, another said "no thank you." How do we measure "success" in evangelism? What does God expect from us? (Acts 13:42-52)
8. What's the difference between being pushy and being bold? How can we share our faith with both grace and courage? (Ephesians 4:15, Colossians 4:6)
9. Mary "treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." When was the last time you truly "wondered" at what we celebrate at Christmas? (Luke 2:19)
10. The shepherds returned to the same field, same sheep, same circumstances - but they were changed. How does encountering Jesus change our perspective even when our circumstances don't change? What does this mean practically in your life right now? (1 Thessalonians 1:2-10)

Practical Applications:

Choose one of the following to practice this week. Be ready to share next week!

Level 1 - Start Here:

- Invite at least one person to the Christmas Eve service
- Share your testimony with someone this week
- Pray daily for three specific people who need Jesus

Level 2 - Go Deeper:

- Have a spiritual conversation with someone God has placed on your heart
- Share the gospel using a simple tool (like the Romans Road or the Bridge illustration)
- Follow up with someone you've previously shared with

Level 3 - Bold Obedience:

- Obey that specific prompting God has been giving you that you've been avoiding
- Share your faith story on social media
- Invite a non-believing friend or family member to coffee specifically to share the gospel

Closing Prayer: Lord, make us bold. Grow a sense of spiritual urgency in our whole church. Help us to obey immediately, and boldly. Help us to share with the people You have put on our hearts, and open people's hearts to hear Your words on Christmas Eve.