

BoldActs 4:1-31 10/25/2020 – Pastor Jerry Johnson

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

"Bold" from 10/25/2020 Acts 4:1-31

<u>SPOILER ALERT</u>: You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.

- Would you describe yourself as a "bold" person or more of a "timid" person? Explain.
 Can you think of a real-life example of when being too bold or too timid was a mistake? If so, please share it.
- 2. After recognizing this undeniable healing, why do you think the religious authorities responded to Peter's message with opposition rather than support or curiosity? What might this teach us about some of the people who oppose Jesus' message today?
- 3. In your own words, explain what Acts 4:11-12 is saying. What's at stake in claiming that "salvation is found in no one else"? Why do you think this particular truth is so important for us to understand and live by?
- 4. In Acts 4:18-20, the religious authorities command the disciples not to speak in Jesus' name. What do you think motivated Peter and John to reply the way they did? How do you think you would have responded?
- 5. What factors might help Christ-followers today in determining when we should, or should not, obey the various authorities in our own lives? How does Scripture shape these decisions?
- 6. In Acts 4:29-31, the disciples ask God to enable them to speak God's word with great boldness. Does their example inspire you, intimidate you, or something else? Explain.
- 7. Pray that each one of us will speak the word of God with greater boldness. How else can we pray for each other?