

Praying Bold Prayers

Acts 4:23-31

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Into the Deep

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

As we continue our “into the deep” series, today will uncover practical steps; or what I like to call “the 3 B’s”, of praying Bold Prayers. We see that the apostles' response to intense persecution was the catalyst that God used to bring unity, boldness & a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit to His Church. I pray that after today’s message you, too, will feel empowered to pray bold prayers & live a bold life for the cause of Christ.

REALIZE

1. Be in the RIGHT Community

- **Questions for Reflection**

- What does community mean to you? How does your current community point you to Jesus?
- Is there anything preventing you from being in community with other brothers and sisters in Christ? If so, how can you move past that?

2. Be Specific

- **Questions for Reflection**

- How often have you used the scriptures to be the content of your prayers? How can you begin (or continue) in this practice?
- What does ‘being specific’ in prayer look like for you?

3. Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

- **Questions for reflection**

- What does boldness by the Spirit of God look like for you in this season?
- Where do you need to see evidence of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in your journey of faith?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?