

BIG IDEA

Only through reliance upon the Spirit *of God* will we experience extraordinary courage *for God*.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Who is the most courageous person you know and what makes them so courageous?

Skim Acts 1-5. How many times is the Holy Spirit mentioned? How might this be significant?

Read Acts 4:1-4. Compare and contrast the mindset of the Sadducees and the mindset of the followers of Christ. What is similar and what is different?

Meditate on this definition of courage: *Courage is doing the right thing when the wrong thing is easier, less costly, and less demanding.* **Now read Acts 4:5-8.** How did Peter and John demonstrate extraordinary courage in this interaction?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What is your initial, “gut” reaction to the Apostles boldness in the book of Acts?

Be honest! What influences your worldview the most: Fox News, CNN or the Bible? Social Media or Jesus? Prayer or politics?

If God answered “YES” to every single one of your prayers, who would be the most blessed person in your community?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

What disciplines could you apply to your life this week in order to live more courageously?

How can you make **Acts 4:13** a reality in your life?

Write and develop a prayer asking God to give you boldness. Commit to praying this prayer every night for the next seven days.

