

Small Group Discussion Guide

Pray & Go – Week 4: Boldness to Go

Scripture: Acts 4:1–31

Big Idea: God gives ordinary people extraordinary boldness when we turn to Jesus and pray.

Icebreaker

What's the most expensive thing you've ever bought and barely used? Think: memberships, gadgets, apps, kitchen tools, etc. What kept you from using it?

Read Together: Acts 4:1–31

You can assign parts and read it aloud as a group, or summarize the key moments.

Discussion Questions

1. Reactions & Reflection

- What stood out to you most from Week 4's message or the Acts 4 passage?
- How do you feel about the idea of prayer walking in your neighborhood? Encouraged? Nervous? Confused?

2. Understanding Scripture

- In Acts 4:13, the religious leaders are amazed because Peter and John were “unschooled, ordinary men.” Why do you think Luke includes that detail?
- What do Peter and John’s responses in verses 19–20 reveal about their relationship with God and their priorities?
- How did the early believers respond to threats and fear in verses 29–31? What does this tell us about the role of prayer in overcoming fear?

3. Personal Application

- The sermon outlined 5 common obstacles to praying and going:
 - 🚫 Fear of being harmed
 - 😞 Spiritual insecurity
 - 🕒 Lack of time/intentionality
 - 🛌 Apathy/low urgency
 - 🤔 Confusion (not sure what to do)
- Which of these obstacles do you most identify with right now? Why? Was there anything in the sermon that helped you move closer to overcoming this obstacle?
- How might spending time with Jesus (like Peter and John did) help you overcome that obstacle?
- How has prayer helped you face fears or challenges in the past?

Take a Step: Weekly Challenge

Set a bold but doable goal this week. What's one small step you can take to be a witness in your neighborhood?

Examples:

- - Walk and pray for 5–10 houses.
- Pray from your window if going outside is hard.
- Invite your "One" to coffee or church.
- Join the Friday 10am prayer walk.

Encourage each person to name their step and write it down.

Prayer Time

- Invite group members to share prayer requests, especially related to boldness or reaching neighbors.

- Then, pray together using Acts 4:29 as a guide:

"Now, Lord, consider... [the] threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness."

You might even pray for each other by name:

"Lord, give [Name] boldness to _____ this week."