

THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

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THE GREATEST APOLOGETIC

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What does it mean to be bold? What was the source of Peter and John's boldness?

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What does true boldness look like for Christians today? In our highly contentious culture, how should we practice boldness?

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Why did the council have "nothing to say in opposition" (v. 14)? Why was the evidence of the healed man unanswerable?

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Have you seen examples of a changed life silencing opposition? How does a changed life serve as the greatest apologetic?

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Why might the council have warned Peter and John to no longer “speak in the name of Jesus” (v. 17-18)—rather than forbidding them from healing or teaching altogether?

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Although we are not apostles, are there ways in which Christians today act or speak “in the name of Jesus”? What does it mean to do so?

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Peter and John refuse the charge of the council, stating that they “cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (v. 20). What do they mean by this? Is this only a matter of obeying a command of the Lord? Or is it also that they have been so radically changed by their experience with Jesus that they really can’t do otherwise than to talk of him?

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Do we feel a similar compulsion to “speak of what we have seen and heard”? Does this come naturally in the Christian life, or does it need to be cultivated?

