

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
"Bold Prayer"
Acts 4:23-31
Week of January 8, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH:

What I believe about God determines how I pray and what I do after I pray.

GETTING STARTED:

1. What is one of the most miraculous things you have ever seen or heard about?

TAKING IT HOME:

2. Read Acts 4:23-31. In this passage, Peter prays a bold prayer before God that leads to bold results. What stood out to you about bold prayers after reading the passage?
3. Boldness is behavior born out of belief. In what ways do your prayers reflect what you believe about God?
4. Read the following quote from the sermon. How does it speak to you?

Why don't people pray for miracles, for the impossible? Some don't believe. Others don't want to be disappointed. And, still others don't want to make God look bad! For them, praying it safe gives God an escape clause. So we pray generic, predictable, easy, benign prayers.

5. How would you describe the way you typically pray? How amazed are people by my boldness?

Generic												Specific
Predictable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Dangerous
Safe												Impossible
Benign												Expectant

6. When was the last time you were amazed by the power of prayer? How did that experience affect your relationship with God?

PRAYER

7. What bold prayers do you need to start praying today in the 2017 Challenge key areas that Pastor Michael suggested:
 - Family relationships
 - Injustice in the world
 - Love for people who are far from God