



BOLD
Week 1/4: Bold Faith
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to understand that faith is not simply a belief we have, but it actually moves us to action.

SCRIPTURE

Phil 1:12-14, 20a; 2:14-15 NLT

THINK ABOUT THIS

What others think about us is important to everyone, but it is especially highlighted in the teen years. So much energy is spent on fitting in, it is a very scary thought to think of standing out. To stand out of the crowd for faith, that takes bravery. Being brave isn't the absence of fear, but choosing to act in the face of fear. When was a time you were brave and made a bold stand for your faith? Share it with your students (*bonus points if it's a story from your teen years or a story you can easily relate to their middle school world*). And share WHY it was WORTH taking that bold step of faith for you. Finding ways to share personal ways you connect with God, His Word, and the lesson may inspire your students to do the same.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Bold faith is faith that leads us to stand out in the world.

GET THEM TALKING

What are different things you've seen people do to stand out?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the boldest person you have ever met?
2. What made them bold?

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14 + answer the following questions:

3. What is unique about the circumstances surrounding this letter Paul wrote? What got him in this situation in the first place?
4. What was Paul's attitude towards everything that was happening to him?

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:20 + answer the following questions:

5. Think about the word "ashamed" that Paul uses. What does it mean to be ashamed?
6. What are reasons someone might be ashamed of their faith?
7. Why is it difficult to be bold in your faith sometimes?
8. Would you say you are ashamed of your faith? Why or why not?
9. What is one thing you can do in your faith this week that could be considered bold?

NEXT STEP & PRAYER GUIDE

Invite your students to pray for one another's boldness. Pray that as your students go about their weeks and interact with various social circles, they be brave and have bold faith.

SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14 (NLT)

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

PHILIPPIANS 1:20 (NLT)

"For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die."

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵ so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."