

# LIFEGROUP

## STUDY ON COURAGE

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."

- Theodore Roosevelt

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

-Desmond Tutu

Do you think courage means action?

**Courage will stand up for what is worth defending**

**Courage is part of your Kingdom Identity**

**Without faithfulness, you'll lack the courage to do right**

**Read Acts 4:1-22**

1. Why did Peter and John have boldness to proclaim Jesus?
  - 1.1 What's the difference between the boldness Peter and John have, and your own situation? Do you lack boldness?
  - 1.2 Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, launches into a defence of his actions, by preaching the gospel. What role does the Holy Spirit play in courage?
  - 1.3 The NIV translates Acts 4:13 - "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."  
How much does your education and background give you courage? Is there a difference between courage and confidence? What gives Peter and John have the courage in this situation?
  - 1.4 Read verse 18 - How can this verse speak into your life?

### Reflection

Do you know what you're living for? If you do, if you practice day to day, committed to Christ, when the time comes to stand – the courage will be there. The strength will be there. But if you choose to deny Christ, if you choose to disappear into this world's value system, you will find yourself lost.

1. What changes can you make each morning to prepare you for the day?
2. What are you living for?

### Pray

*Right after this passage, in Acts 4:23-31, the disciples pray for more courage and boldness. Read this passage and reflect on how you can pray this way as well.*