

Going Viral with Confidence

Sermon # 5, Acts 3:1-4:31

Main Point: Because Jesus' name is powerful we can go viral with confidence.

Getting to Know You

1. On a scale of 1 (I'd rather die!) to 10 (that's easy), how confident are you speaking in front of a crowd? Explain your answer. Better yet, tell a funny story of a public speaking opportunity that went awry!

Getting into the Book

Read Acts 3:1-10

1. Why do you think Peter had the confidence to say such a thing to this lame beggar?

Read Acts 3:11-19

2. How did Peter seize the moment of this miracle?
3. Think about the non-Christians you know. What opportunities to go viral with the good news do you need to seize?

Read Acts 4:1-13

4. What would have been especially intimidating about speaking to this audience? Why was Peter not concerned about it? (See 4:8)
5. Why is Acts 4:12 true (compare John 14:6)? Why is Acts 4:12 not a popular concept in our world today?
6. What impressed the religious leaders about Peter and John? How can we follow their example in order to have the same confidence to go viral?

Read Acts 4:18-20

7. How can we apply these verses in our context where it's the written or unwritten rule that talking about Jesus is off limits?

Read Acts 4:23-31

8. How does the prayer of the disciples encourage your prayers in regard to going viral with the gospel?

Getting Out There

9. Have each Family Group member give their answers to these questions:
Who are you reaching? Has anyone had the opportunity to go viral since we last met?
 - a. Reach up in prayer. What are the names of the three people you praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. Reach out in relationship. What steps have you taken to build a relationship with them?
 - c. Reach in with the gospel. When will you take a step of faith and share the gospel or your testimony with them?

Pray

Pray for opportunities and the confidence of the Holy Spirit to go viral with the good news this week. Pray also for God's work through the gospel during our upcoming Vacation Bible School.