

# Bold.

## Leader Overview



## Welcome

Unashamed Christians shake the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; they are BOLD. Christians reflect the limitless love of God to people who don't know the name of Jesus. Bold is a seven-session study teaching a deeper appreciation for the unfathomable love of God and how it should motivate us to overcome the personal fears and obstacles that often prevent us from sharing the Good News.

## Series Overview

### Week 1: Introduction

"Why?" is probably the most asked question in the world. The big "why" question you need to ask yourself during this series is, "Why should I care about a world that doesn't know Jesus?" Christianity is the only major religion in the world that is shrinking and only 52% of Evangelical Christians say they have shared their faith with someone in the last year. The answer to this question lies in the heart.

### Week 2: Compelled

What compels you to share your faith with other people? Is it guilt, shame, or sense of obligation? Or is it the unfathomable love of God for His people? John 3:16 is the most well-known verse in the entire Bible and it is also the driving force which compels us to share our faith.

### Week 3: Empowered

Sharing our faith often feels like we are selling a product or a brand. The "win" comes when we finally get people to sign on the dotted line and commit. Scripture clearly teaches that we are only the vessels which God uses to bring the Gospel to people. We are not the ones doing the saving. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit and He works in and through our obedience to His Will.

### Week 4: Unchained

Every Christian has barriers which hold them back from sharing their faith. The problem is NOT that we have barriers, it's that we turn our barriers into excuses. Barriers can include a lack of biblical knowledge, persecution, and social pressure. Discover your barrier today and don't allow it to become an excuse in the future.

### **Week 5: Undefeated**

Last week focused on the outward barriers preventing us from sharing our faith. This week is about the internal issues of your heart which are holding you back from being bold. It's painful when we begin to pry open the doors of our heart and soul to see why we really don't share our faith. Be courageous this week as you discover your internal struggles hindering you from sharing your faith.

### **Week 6: Ignited**

Being bold can often lead to discouragement. Sharing our faith is never an easy task. We can ignite our passion by gathering together and celebrating the stories of those Christians around us. A fire will always burn brightest when all the logs are stacked close together. Learn the importance of working together in community and sharing each other's burdens and victories.

### **Week 7: Challenged**

Up to this point we've obtained a large amount of knowledge about being bold. The big question going forward is how will we respond from here on out? Jesus made disciples who then went out and made more disciples. This was His final challenge; how will you go out today and make more disciples?

### **Week 8: Determined**

Great things don't happen to those who wait around for great things to happen; they happen to those determine to do great things. You're probably nervous at this point and that is OK. Remember that you don't have to be perfect, you just have to be obedient. God's love compels us, the Holy Spirit empowers us, and we have the privilege of a "front row seat" view of God's amazing plan.

## Discipleship Insights

This study will challenge everyone in the group to begin to share their faith with those around them. Help everyone achieve boldness by developing simple goals and a plan of execution.

1. Develop wildly important goals
2. Create 1-2 weekly initiatives which everyone can complete
3. Keep track of your own progress
4. Be accountable to the group every time you meet

Here's an example of what this could look like.

1. **Goal:** Increase my weekly number of spiritual conversations from 0 to 10 over the next 6 weeks.
2. **Simple Initiatives:**
  - a. Invite 3 people every week from work to attend my Life Group
  - b. Ask 7 people every week about their personal faith journey
3. **Track:** Record the number of invites every week and the names of people who have shared their story with you.
4. **Accountability:** Bring the results of your initiatives to Life Group every week and share with the group your progress.