



## WEEK #1: DANGEROUS TRUTH

### INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt silenced? Like you aren't allowed to say what's on your mind? Maybe you feel pressure from the culture to fall in line and agree? Or maybe it's pressure at home or at work? Speaking freely might mean you're mocked for what's important to you. Maybe you're starting to think that if no one else thinks the way you do the way you're thinking is wrong. No. The pressures that try to hold you back may not go away, but you weren't made to live with a spirit of fear. Maybe it's time for you to Speak Out!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. 89% of Americans said that they do not feel completely free to express their viewpoint on a daily basis without fear of retaliation, censorship, or punishment. Would you say you are part of that 89%? Where do you feel the most tension to express your viewpoint, especially regarding your faith?
2. This series is about asking God for the boldness to speak out and allow God to speak through us to reach those dearly loved by Him. As you read the book of Acts, specifically the Scripture Pastor Stephen shared, what do you think it means to speak out on behalf of Christ?
3. In Acts 4:19-20, Peter and John said to those who put them on trial, *"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen or heard."* When you think about everything that Jesus has done for you, do you feel the same passion as Peter and John? How have you shared (or can you share) what you have seen and heard regarding the things God has done in your life or others?
4. Pastor Stephen said that God gave Peter and John the boldness they asked for (See Acts 4:29, 31). What areas of your life do you need boldness this week to speak out? Relationships? Work environments? Social circles?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

### SCRIPTURE & TAKEAWAYS

2 Corinthians 3:17 / Romans 10:14 / Acts 3:6, 3:12-16, 4:7-10, 4:13-20, 4:29, 4:31, 18:9 / Revelation 12:11.

*"The people that want us to be quiet the most are the people that God wants us to love the most."*