



**"Pentecost Boldness"
Thoughts to Ponder**

1. On the evening of His resurrection, Jesus challenged His disciples saying: "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20:21 NLT)
 - a. Do you believe the Lord has challenged you to follow in the footsteps of His first century disciples? If so, how have you defined that challenge?
 - b. Is there anything His first disciples had that you are lacking? If so, what?

2. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His disciples: "And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere." (Acts 1:8 NLT)
 - a. Do you feel a responsibility to tell people everywhere about Jesus? If so, how have you defined "everywhere?"
 - a. Jesus' disciples lived in ways so counter-cultural that they stood out as "followers of the Way." Please give examples of the ways you stand out from culture and the ways you blend in with culture.

Read Acts 4:1-31

3. Peter and John boldly proclaimed: "There is salvation in no one else [Jesus]!"
 - a. What does the word "salvation" mean to you?
 - b. Has anyone ever been amazed at your boldness in speaking about Jesus? If so, please give an example. If not, what does that say?

4. Peter and the apostles believed: "We must obey God rather than human authority."
 - a. Have you ever chosen to obey God rather than to do what was politically or socially acceptable? Please give an example of an occasion when you did and one when you didn't.
 - b. Referring to your answer in "a," what differed in the two situations that prompted your different responses?
 - c. Referring to your answer in "a," what does your inconsistency indicate?

5. The apostles were flogged, as Jesus had been, because they had publicly spoken about Jesus. Please share the negative ways in which people have responded to your efforts to share the good news of God in Christ.

