



TESTIFY BOLDLY



Skill

Testify Boldly is the desire to be bold, the awareness that boldness comes from above, and that God will grant us boldness if we ask for it in Jesus' name.

Design

Testify Boldly (lion) > A lion is king over the land; he is not afraid of any other creatures. Truth births boldness, and boldness grows strong through practice. Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and He boldly went to the cross for us. The **sketch** is a woman preaching the cross illustrating the role of the evangelist: to tell the world about eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Story

Churches Obey Jesus (Acts 4:23-37)

This story demonstrates Testify Boldly as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the local church preaching the gospel boldly to their community despite threats of punishment by the Jewish elders. How beautiful and powerful is prayer? When the Church prayed, they acknowledged the persecution and fear and then moved on to ask the Lord for boldness, signs, and wonders! The believers did what they could: pray. The Lord answered by pouring out His Holy Spirit upon them; baptizing the whole faith community in boldness.

Scriptures

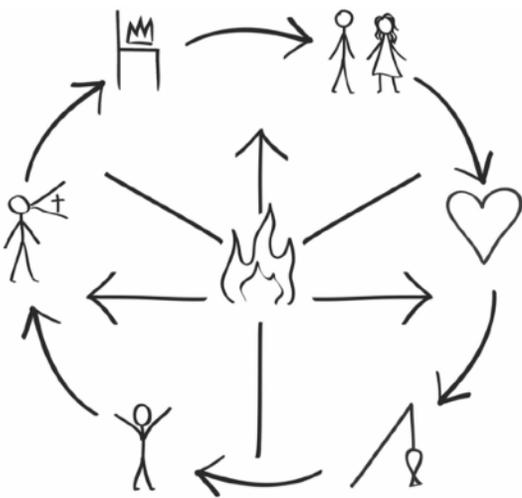
Romans 1:16 > I am not ashamed of the gospel, because the gospel is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

1 John 4:18-19 > There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us.

Lesson Summary

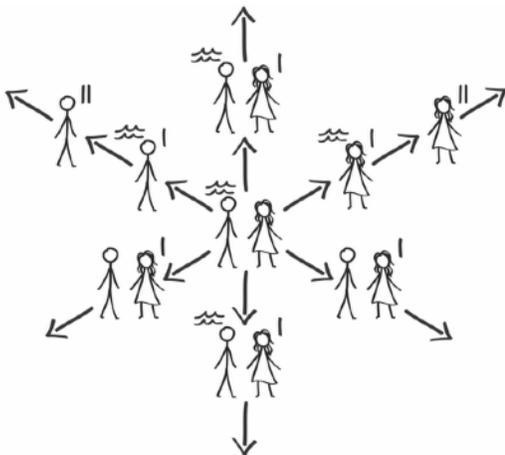
Testify Boldly involves much dying to self, because the Lord makes it abundantly clear that the message of the cross is foolishness and insanity to those who are not Jesus' disciples (1 Corinthians 1:18). Yahweh's thoughts and ways are mysterious to mankind: we cannot comprehend His plan by our logic (Isaiah 55:8-9). God created the heavens and the earth; He fixed the dimensions of the universe and commands time and seasons (Job 38:1-38). Boldness, therefore, is a sign of a healthy church (Hebrews 10:19-25).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?