

4Ws for Week 22 (26 May – 01 June 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Taking a bold step

Share a time when you took a bold step and did something courageous—even if it scared you. What was the experience like, and what did you learn from it?

2. Father's Day – 15th June 2025

Father's Day is a special occasion to honour and appreciate our dads. Do you have any plans to surprise your father and make him feel special this year?

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Look To The Son
- 2) Stand In Awe Of You

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Eugene Tan

Scripture Passage: Acts 4:13-31

Sermon Title: Bold Witnesses

Introduction

Before His ascension, Jesus instructed His disciples to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promised gift from the Father—the Holy Spirit. This divine empowerment would enable them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Once fearful and in hiding after the crucifixion, the apostles were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter, who had once denied Jesus, now boldly proclaimed the gospel, leading thousands to faith in Christ. Even under threat, Peter and John declared, *"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."*

This same transformative power is available to us today. Like the early church, we are called to be **Bold Witnesses** for Christ by:

1. **Following Jesus**
2. **Believing in God**
3. **Receiving the Holy Spirit**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How did ordinary men like Peter and John become bold witnesses for Christ?

A1. In Acts 4:13, the religious leaders were astonished by the boldness of Peter and John, noting that they were "unschooled, ordinary men." Their courage didn't stem from education or status,

but from following Jesus closely—learning and observing His compassion, and following His example. Jesus shaped their character, corrected their shortcomings, and prepared them for ministry. His love and sacrifice profoundly transformed their lives.

This reminds us that God can use anyone—regardless of how ordinary or unqualified we may feel. When we truly follow Jesus, He moulds us into bold witnesses for His glory.

Q2. What gave Peter and John the courage to boldly witness for Christ despite threats?

A2. Peter and John’s courage came not their own strength but from their trust in God’s sovereignty. They boldly proclaimed what they had seen and heard, refusing to be silenced (Acts 4:20). Even in the face of opposition, they prayed to the “Sovereign Lord,” fully confident that God’s purposes were unfolding according to His plan (Acts 4:28). Their unwavering trust in God empowered them to stand firm.

In the same way, when we trust in God’s sovereignty, we too, can boldly witness for Christ, even in the face of fear or opposition.

Q3. What empowered Peter, John, and the other disciples to preach boldly?

A3. After they prayed, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31), which gave them boldness to preach. Peter, who had previously denied Jesus out of fear, now spoke courageously, leading three thousands to faith (Acts 2), and later, five thousand more (Acts 4).

The Holy Spirit empowers us to speak with boldness, proclaim the gospel clearly, and minister effectively (Luke 12:12; Acts 4:29-30). To be used by God, we must seek the Holy Spirit, who gives us power, love, and self-discipline—not fear (2 Timothy 1:7). The same Spirit that empowered the early church is still available to us today.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. In what ways am I currently following Jesus? *Reflect and share your thoughts.*

Q2. Do you believe God is sovereign and in control, even when life feels uncertain? *Share a personal experience that affirms or challenges this belief.*

Q3. What must I do to receive the Holy Spirit and be clothed in power from on high, in order to become a bold witness for Jesus? *Reflect and share your understanding.*

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism.*

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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