

big CHURCH

BIG CHURCH #3 :: Big & Bold {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Are we practicing *safe* Christianity or *bold* Christianity? What's the difference?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the boldest Christian that you know?
2. Why is it easier to practice "safe" Christianity? How do you know when being "bold" becomes over-the-top?
3. Read Acts 5:27-41. How might Gamaliel's words in verses 38-39 encourage you to be bolder in your faith?
4. In what situations could you be bolder in saying something when it would be easier to say nothing at all?
5. In what situations could you be bolder in taking advantages of existing opportunities?
6. In what situations could you be bolder in creating new opportunities?

MOVING FORWARD

The early church was marked with boldness, not secrecy. Rather than being a group of safe believers, the early Christians looked for opportunities to be bold. That's what made the church a movement rather than an institution. That's where God showed up. So, be bold. Speak up. Take advantage of opportunities God gives you. Create opportunities to be bold. And be a part of the difference Christ can make in people's lives.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Acts 5:41