

Week 3 - Life beings when we live CONFIDENTLY

Welcome

Would you describe yourself a confident person? Feel free to use a scale of 1-10. What are some things that you are confident in? (Try to keep them fun and light - you might discover some hidden talents in your group!)

Word

Get your group to all close their eyes and imagine themselves in the bible passage as one of you reads Acts 4 out loud. Encourage the group to imagine what it must have felt like in the room, what would they be feeling if they were each of the characters.

• Do you find yourself intimidated by Peter & John's confidence in this passage? Where do you (honestly) think you get your confidence from?

- Do you agree with the main point of the talk **'what you have confidence in you'll act upon'**? How do you see this work in your life?
- Andy & Laura said that Peter & John had confidence in each of the 5 areas below, take some time as a group to look specifically at those passages and ask what that should mean for us in our day to day lives:

Confidence in what happened - <u>vs1-2</u> - The Resurrection, 'The resurrection is not a belief that grew up in the early church it is the belief around which the early church grew' Andy Stanley

Confidence in the power they carry - <u>vs 3-10, Colossians 1:27, Ephesians 1:18-20</u> - Power of God though us.

Confidence in who Jesus is - <u>11-12</u>, Cornerstone, is your life built on confidence of Jesus being the cornerstone?

Confidence in their experience - <u>13, 18-20, 1 Peter 3:15</u> - Sharing your story, you don't have to know everything to share something.

Confidence in prayer - 23-31, praying for strengthening.

Spend some time praying as a group for each other, (if there's time, pray for each other one by one) pray particularly that you might be emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit, but also pray into which one of the 5 points above has specifically challenged you.

