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INTRO

"Unashamed" is focused on the gospel. We will be studying passages from the Books of Romans and Acts in each session. We are called to live with confidence in the face of opposition, but many Christ-followers are living in fear and shame, apologizing for their beliefs. The gospel gives us the ability to live with boldness in a world that opposes everything about God. We will explore four responses to the gospel which give us confident hope and assurance in Christ.

KNOW IT

KEY VERSE Romans 3:23-24

SCRIPTURE

Romans 3:21-26; Acts 4:1-13

THINK

READ ROMANS 3:21-26.

- All _____ individual
- Justified To prove _____, right, or _____
- Freely _____ restraint or _____
- Redemption The _____ of making something _____
- Propitiation A sufficient
- Demonstrate To be _____ of something
- Righteous _____ right before _____

What are some things you didn't fully realize about the gospel?

What part of the gospel do you need to be reminded most of right now?

READ ACTS 4:1-13.

How did Peter defend the work that they had done?

What was the knowledge Peter and John taught about in verse 12?

How were Peter and John described in verse 13? Why is this important for us to know?

NOTES

DIAGNOSE

As you think about what it means to share the gospel, think about the person who shared the gospel with you.

What were the circumstances surrounding that event and what do you remember about what was shared with you? Take some time to write down the facts about that event in your life and what was shared with you as you gave your life to Christ.

MOVE

After you have received a note card from your leader, write out the gospel presentation your leaders share with you. When you finish, find a partner and take turns sharing the gospel.

PRAY

Think about ways that you are grateful for what God did for you through the gospel. Praise Him for making a way to have a restored relationship with Him and ask Him to consistently remind you of the truth and knowledge of the gospel.



THE MOTIVATION OF THE GOSPEL

THINK

Today we are going to dive into the middle of one of the oldest and greatest stories ever told: the story of how God loves us and comes to rescue us; it's God's story.

READ ROMANS 5:8.

The word "But" could easily be overlooked in this verse, but it's important as it acknowledges the story before this point. We were in a hopeless place when we went our own way and were separated from God by sin. But the story didn't end there. God didn't leave us there. He orchestrated the shift in this story and His love changed everything.

The proof of His love for us is found in the fact that Christ died for us. His only Son gave His life for us. The same "us" who are sinners. The same "us" who are flawed and make mistakes over and over again. The same "us" who choose to go our own way, like Genesis describes. It would make more sense if the verse read, "but God proved His own love for us in that after we stopped sinning, Christ died for us." But that's not how the story goes. God proved His love for us even though we are still sinners. He gave His life for us even though we still don't have our act together.

The love proved in this verse is not the kind of love you have for your favorite foods, or even your friends and family. It's the kind of love that is still extended when you feel you least deserve it or when you are at your worst. It's the kind of love that walks in and stays when everything else falls away. And it's a love that is offered to you even now, just as you are.

What would your life look like if you allowed yourself to be fully embraced by God's love for you?

Are there things holding you back from allowing God's love to embrace you? What are they?

Who are some people in your life who need to know that God loves them? How can you encourage them?

PRAY

Spend several minutes reflecting on God's love for you. Respond to God in praise and thankfulness for His love. Repent for any way that you have failed to acknowledged His love for you up to this point. Ask Him to help you not lose sight of His love for you and to share His love with those around you.