



## Discussion Questions For “Fish Guts” November 8, 2009

### To start...

- What bold move are you contemplating these days? Dating someone new? Singing a solo? Leading a group? Starting a new career? Going zip-lining?
- How would you reply if someone you knew was a Christ-follower and a regular church-goer told you that she or he was not religious? Does it make sense?

### Going deeper...

- How does being part of the church make it easier to share your faith with others?
- How do the Sanhedrin (Acts 4.15-17) and the disciples each view themselves and God?
- Why would the disciples begin the prayer by recalling God’s sovereignty (Acts 4.24-28)?
- Did God allow, direct, or anticipate Jesus’ crucifixion? Look at Acts 2.23 and 3.17-18.
- How might Acts 1.8 be shaping the disciples’ prayer in Acts 4.29-30?
- What is one purpose of the Holy Spirit? Look at Acts 2.4; 4.8, 31.
- It’s been said that the church is only ever one generation away from extinction. Is this God’s will? How do you know?

### Applying the text...

- How are your prayers in crises like and unlike the prayer in 4.24-30? Why is it beneficial to recall God’s character, and his action in history?
- How are you praying for God to open doors for you to share your faith with others?
- If you are afraid of sharing your faith, look more deeply at 2 Timothy 1.
- If you are afraid of being inadequate to share your faith, look more deeply at 2 Corinthians 12.
- In the message, Jeff said that we can get strength to share our faith from the fellowship, from the sovereignty of God, and from being saturated in Scripture. What are some concrete ways you can get that strength this week?

### Taking the next step...

- How could your Christian life be characterized by boldness?
- The apostle Paul said, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8.31) Memorize that verse, and repeat it every time you are fearful of sharing your faith.
- Pray this bold prayer: “God, I want you to use me to be a witness in \_\_\_\_\_.” Rely on the Spirit, and be ready to see great things happen!