## 1. Boldness reveals your deepest passions.

What is the boldest thing you have ever done?

List as many antonyms of 'bold' as you can.

What passions do you have in your life that you boldly pursue? You can usually find out by checking your calendar and your bank statement.

# 2. Boldness is required in a shifting culture.

What are the evidences that our culture is shifting? Is it affecting you in your workplace, school, or family?

Do you fear persecution? Why or why not?

Kentucky County Clerk, Kim Davis, was recently jailed for refusing to issue 'same-sex marriage' licenses. What would you have done if you were Kim Davis?

#### 3. Boldness is rooted in the transforming power of the gospel.

How does the transforming power of the gospel embolden you?

Is it possible to be an obedient Christian without ever sharing the gospel with anyone? When was the last time you shared with someone how the gospel has changed you?

# 4. Boldness <u>risks</u> being an <u>offense</u> to rescue those we love.

How has God used the boldness of others to get the message of the gospel to you?

Have you ever offended someone by your stand for Christ? Were they offended by Christ or offended by the way you shared Christ?

### 5. Boldness refuses to compromise the truth.

In our changing culture, Christians who are bold may face the reality of losing their jobs or business. Christian schools that are bold may face losing their accreditation. Churches that are bold may face losing their tax-exempt status. Will you have the boldness to endure these types of threats without compromising the truth?

Read Acts 13:1-3. What characteristic do you think set apart the men who were sent out? Do you aspire to be the kind of person that church leadership would recognize as bold enough to be sent out? What would need to develop in you to become that kind of person?

### **Additional Scripture**

- Acts 2:29
- Acts 4:13, 31
- Acts 9:27-29
- 1Thessalonians 2:2
- Philippians 1:20