

Jesus says... Matt 28:19-20, Acts 1:8
Luke records... Acts 4:31, Acts 6:7a
Paul says... Col 4:5-6, 2 Tim 4:5b

b) Exhortation – v. 3-4

Thessalonian 3-Pack of Examples

Conversion – 1:7-10

Evangelism – 2:1-5

Discipleship – 2:6-12 (next time)

3) Motive of Evangelism (Heart)

a) Boldness in our God – v. 2

1) The Circumstance of Evangelism (Playing Field)

a) Intentionality – v. 1

Not a natural boldness, outgoing person
Not a boldness in a hoped-for outcome.
Not a boldness in a perceived “open door”

b) Opposition – v. 2

Acts 14:2-3

*But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the
and poisoned their minds against the
So they remained there a long time, speaking
boldly for the Lord...*

c) Approved / Entrusted – v. 4

1. Review through the specific sermon points from 1 Thess 2:1-5 and identify the Playing Field, the Play, and the Heart / Motive.
2. See the pattern of pairs in Luke 10:1, Acts 13:2, 15:39-40, etc. Why is a “team” concept so helpful to the work of evangelizing?
3. Read Acts 4:23-31, and try to identify the factors that led this group to the boldness of v. 31. Consider together how we arrive at more boldness?
4. Consider an instance or a particular person where you desire(d) to share the Gospel, but haven't – try to identify exactly what held you back?
5. Pray together specifically about those reasons and those persons in particular.
6. Review together through each point of the BCO tract – “God, Me, Christ, Response”