

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—07-26-20)

Message Series: THRIVE.

This series will walk us through the New Testament book of 1Peter. In Peter's letter to the scattered Christian community, God's people are encouraged to live in hope and walk in holiness...literally THRIVE from heaven's perspective. We hope you enjoy the series as we focus in on several of the imperatives found in 1 Peter.

Today's lesson is all about Bold Speech – 1 Peter 3:13-16

In your Life Group: Read Acts 3 and 4 – how does this story from the life of Peter encourage us to speak boldly about Jesus? What stands out to you from the example of Peter, John, and the early church here?

3 Reminders about BOLD SPEECH for the Christian:

1. For the Christian, Bold Speech must _____ from _____ to Jesus _____

What does it mean to "hagiasate" Jesus as Lord? What do you think that looks like in practice?

What do you think it cost Peter (or John or Paul or other early Christians) to declare that "Jesus is Lord" in their day? What could it cost us today?

What are some things we might struggle with giving our allegiance to instead of Jesus?

2. For the Christian, Bold Speech must be _____ to a _____ that makes people ask about your _____

What is the hope we have within, according to 1 Peter 1:3-4? Can you think of any other aspects of the hope we have in Jesus?

What does it mean for our life to look different in a way that makes people ask about your hope in Jesus?

What about my life right now might give people the wrong idea of what submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ looks like?

3. For the Christian, Bold Speech must _____ the _____ of _____ Accurately

What are some ways we are tempted to speak like the culture around us? What kind of damage can this do to our witness for Jesus? How do you think we can SPEAK BOLDLY with gentleness and respect?

**If the _____ we talk about Jesus is the _____ people _____ Him,
then we did it _____.**

Is there any way my BOLD SPEECH in public (family/friends, at work, on social media, etc.) may be shutting down people from listening to me talk about Jesus? Can you share an experience where you saw this happen?

Put another way, BOLD SPEECH isn't a _____ to speak without _____ and _____.