

life groups

NLC Life Group Through the Bible Study
CWY & GLR

Week of October 8, 2017

Sermon: The Church God Sees
—Bold Obedience



NEW LIFE
CHURCH

Life Group Schedule

15 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: **Group Scrabble:** Use a white board, overhead, or chart/butcher paper. Start the group off with a word that ties into the location, purpose, or theme of the sermon. Then turn the pen over to a group member and see if they can hook each group member somewhere into the board like a Scrabble game. Can be with participant's name, school, or a word that describes them.

NOTE: Do as much or as little of the study material as you need, but make it a goal to engage in meaningful conversations, to encourage each other, and to pray for each other.

OPENING PRAYER

45–60 MIN The Church God Sees—Bold Obedience

- You have no idea what our God can set into motion through one single act of obedience.
1. Bold obedience usually triggers opposition.
ACTS 5:18 “They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.”
 - Every single act of obedience was met with opposition.
 - If you are not ready to face opposition to your obedience to God, you are not ready to be used by God.
 2. Bold obedience often releases God's miracles.
ACTS 5:19 “But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.”
 - When you are walking in His will, you know He'll show up and that He is with you, for all things are possible with Him. You're not shocked by His miracles; you're expecting Him to show up.
- Q1.** How often do we pray and not believe God is going to hear it? Explain.
- Obedience triggers the miracles of God.
3. Bold obedience always requires faith.
ACTS 5:20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”
ACTS 5:21 “At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as

they had been told, and began to teach the people.”

ACTS 5:28-29 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than man!”

- When prompted by God’s Spirit, we want to know the details, but He doesn’t show us the details, because we can’t handle the details. We would say “no” to the assignment, because we don’t understand that He will give us grace in the moment.
- Having faith in who He is comes with being in a relationship with God.

Q2. Think about your own testimony. At what point did your faith become real, active, powerful even? Explain.

- Obedience is our responsibility. Outcome is God’s responsibility. Do what God prompts you to do.

Q3. Sometimes bold obedience is a big move—maybe moving to another city. Other times it’s bold in a different way—like choosing to respond to your spouse with different words, a different attitude. So, what bold obedience is God prompting you to do in this season?

- **Challenge:** It was not planned by man, but it also is not a coincidence that the focus of the last two weeks has been about victory and obedience. Imagine the move of God that will happen when we begin to put these two truths into action in our lives!

PRAY OVER NEEDS.

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