



HOW TO BE **BRAVE** GROUP LESSON

Fail

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Everyone of us is faced with challenges, problems, and issues that sometimes come at us like a roaring lion, and yet we are told to just stay calm, but how? Be anxious for nothing the Bible says, but how? In the face of an uncertain tomorrow, with unknown news, there is a known God who has a way for us to live each day without fear. It's time we learn how to be BRAVE.

Share a story of a project you worked on at home, work, school, etc. that didn't quite turn out right.

Read Matthew 4:18-20. Discuss what it must have been like for Peter and Andrew to simply walk away from all they knew to follow Jesus. What do you think holds people back today from doing the same thing? Is there something you need to step away from now to pursue what God has for you? Share your story of leaving an old life behind to start a new life with Jesus.

Read Matthew 14:28-30. How can you relate to going after something boldly only to find fear stopping you in the process? Read Matthew 16:18-19. Share how you have seen faith impact living boldly for Jesus. Discuss this statement; "Put God's reputation on the line, not yours." Does this change your perspective on what it means to live brave with Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:33-35, 73-75. Peter wept bitterly after failing. Share with the group any guilt and shame you may be struggling with today. Read Matthew 16:18-19 and Acts 2:41. God used that Peter to help 1,000s come to know the love of Jesus. How has God's grace overcome your guilt and shame?

Read Romans 12:2. How can you allow God to help refine you instead of letting your failures define you?

Pray for the truth of God's love and grace to overcome all guilt and shame in the hearts of the group. Seek God for a deeper desire to spend time learning His words, the Bible, to help each person become stronger and braver. Ask God to remove fear and failure and to implant courage and purpose.

Note: If you aren't in a community group, let us know you want to take that next step. Email us at NextSteps@communitychurch.info. Group is not about a meeting, but instead people coming together to build relationships with each other and Jesus while they do this thing called life. No matter where you find yourself in life, there is a group that is right for you, and we'll help you find it.