Greater Things Week 3

Start Sharing

- Peter and John were telling people about Jesus' resurrection even though they knew it wouldn't be well received by leaders and could have consequences. Can you name a time you stepped up and did something you knew was right knowing that it could have negative consequences for you?
- When you experience a negative consequence for doing the right thing, how do you typically respond?

Start Thinking

- We often think of people like John and Peter as "larger than life." Read verse 13 again. What does this tell us about them? How is that the same as, or different from, you?
- Read Peter's response to the authorities in Acts 4 verses 19-20. What do you think motivated him to respond in that way?

Make it Personal

- Being bold and stepping out in faith can be scary. We often think about what we might lose. What was *gained* by John and Peter's boldness in this passage? What do you think would be gained if we trusted God and stepped out in the same way?
- People like Barnabas were clearly impacted by the faith and boldness that others showed to the point where he himself sold his field and brought the money back to serve others in the church. Who is someone whose faith, boldness, and sacrifice have impacted you? Who is someone you know that could be similarly impacted by your faith, boldness, and sacrifice?

Next Steps

- Is there an area of your life where you find it easier to play it safe? What's something you can do this week to step out in faith or be bolder in this area?
- Read verse 32 again. They shared because they did not think of what they had as their own—but from God, to be shared with others. What is something you can do this week to move toward having the same perspective they did?