

# CrossWalk **notes**

Embolden:

## Bold to Play to an Audience of One

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The 1<sup>st</sup> commandment: You shall have no other \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_).

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PTAO: What does IT \_\_\_\_\_? What do I \_\_\_\_\_?

Read Acts 5:12-16, NIV

Pleasing God alone isn't done \_\_\_\_\_. IT TAKES a community of believers all \_\_\_\_\_ to God's teachings and mission.

<sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life." Acts 5:18-20, NIV

I can live to please God alone since I am \_\_\_\_\_ alone. I GAIN \_\_\_\_\_ knowing \_\_\_\_\_ is with me and \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

<sup>24</sup> On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. <sup>25</sup> Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. <sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> "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." Acts 5:24-28 NIV

IT TAKES giving my \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to God. If I don't, I'm forced to play to other audiences I \_\_\_\_\_ please.

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. Acts 5:29-33, NIV

IT TAKES complete reliance on the \_\_\_\_\_ work of Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. I GAIN \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>38</sup> "...Leave these men alone!...For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. <sup>39</sup> But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." <sup>40</sup> His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. Acts 5:38-42, NIV

PTAO means I join God's \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ at times AND I can daily \_\_\_\_\_ in and share the good news of His \_\_\_\_\_.

### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! Acts 5:29, NIV

**My next step:** God can't be stopped! I'll rely on Jesus and the H.S. to live a peaceful, bold, and joyous life, pleasing Him alone!

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

# Impact Group Questions

## Embolden – To Play to an Audience of One

**Getting Started:** Have you ever been in a play/drama production? Tell us about that experience. If you haven't, explain why not.

### Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will start with the question, “**What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?**” Another question is “**How did this message help me appreciate Jesus at the Hero of my life?**” Take time to consider these questions as you listen to each message. Bring your sermon notes to class each week to help you remember and share with the group.

### Embolden to Play to an Audience of One

How is “Playing to an Audience of One” (The Lord) connected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment: “You shall have no other gods” and its meaning: “We should fear, love and trust in God above all things”?

### Read: Acts 5:18-20

The apostles clearly weren't left alone as they lived to please God alone. We have God's promise that he is with us and fights for us as we live to please Him alone. Share a time in your life when God fought for you as you played to an audience of One.

### Read Acts 5:24-28

The rulers and officials were driven by doubts, fears and denying their sin. How can your doubts, fears and denial of sin bring you to play to other audiences besides the LORD?

### Read Acts 5:29-33

Peter and the apostles knew that their response to the Sanhedrin could result in their imprisonment or even death. And most of the apostles (and many Christians then and now) did end up

dying for their faith in Jesus. In spite of this, why were they so at peace and so bold at the same time? How can you have that same peace and boldness?

### Keep on Learning and Growing:

Explain the importance of knowing what God's Word—the Bible says if you truly want to Play to an Audience of One.

### My Next Step:

Relying on the peace, boldness and joy that Jesus and the Holy Spirit give you, what's one thing you want to do this week to Play to an Audience of One?

### Doing Life Together:

Playing to an Audience of One doesn't have to be done alone! Talk in your group about how you can do something together to rejoice in and share the good news of Jesus' victory!

### Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise from above. Set aside about 10 minutes so it doesn't feel rushed. Go around in a circle with each person praying, a person may say, “pass” if they are uncomfortable praying out loud.

### Reminders:

This past Sunday, we celebrated the Confirmation of 8 teens and we celebrated with several adults who completed Bible Basics 1. They're living out the “K” value in CrossWalk! “Keep on learning and growing.” We have opportunities for you to live out this value as well. If you have a teen, consider signing him/her up for Confirmation in August. If you're an adult, consider taking the next Christian Essentials class or Bible Basics class.