

# Boldness To Witness

Union with Christ means we can be bold for Jesus, because we have his spirit in us.

// Acts 1:1-11; Acts 2:1-21 //

As we've spent this term thinking about what it means for us to have Union with Christ - that we're in Christ, and Christ is in us - it would be easy to end up thinking that Union with Christ is all about us. Which of course it's not. The truth of who we are in Jesus doesn't just start and end with us - there's a bigger picture. We're part of a bigger mission. And our Union with Christ means that we can be bold in sharing the good news of Jesus.



Do you ever struggle to make a big deal about Jesus to those around you? What things **do** you find it easy to make a big deal about?



## Wait & Witness

**Read Acts 1:1-11** and reflect together

1. What does Jesus tell his followers to do and why?
2. From v8, what seems to be the purpose of the "gift" Jesus has promised? And how will this gift actually help people?

**Read Acts 2:1-21** and reflect together

4. In v5-11, what did the Spirit help Jesus' followers do? (v11 is the key here)

5. Notice Peter's transformation here - he's speaking boldly about Jesus (remember he denied he even *knew* Jesus not long ago! - Luke 22:54-62).

What might this tell us about the "power" Jesus said his followers would receive through the Spirit?



How might being reminded of your Union with Christ help you be bold in being a witness to Jesus?

What are a few practical ways we might "declare the wonders of God" boldly to those around us? And how might we encourage each other in this?

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### **Pray**

- Thank God for the gift of His Spirit that helps us to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus
- Ask that we would be bold in "declaring the wonders of God" in Jesus
- Pray for each other, that we might find ways to be bold witnesses to Jesus in our daily lives