



BRAVE December 2nd / 3rd

Speaker: **Dave Schmidgall**

Scripture Focus: [James 1:26-27](#)

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we were called to live out our brave. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you must use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. "Good news should be in the news." What good news story from your life can you share?
2. An ambassador is a servant who has the mission in mind. How do you walk as an ambassador of Christ, empowered by the spirit?
3. Reread James 1:26-27. What does religion look like in our culture today? How should the church respond for our religion to be worthy?
4. Pastor Dave stated, "The church isn't always going to be the happiest place, but it should be the most honest." How do you respond to that statement?
5. As we finish off this series, are you able to answer the question, "What is your brave?"

Digging Deeper

This section provides additional resources, activities, and/or questions that can be done during group or personal devotional time.

A1:8 Commons

For years we have been asking how we can better share our skills and resources to those who need it most in our communities. As the church began, those who believed had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

*“All the believers were together and had everything in **COMMON**. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”*
Acts 2:44-45

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HOW THIS WORKS

NEEDS, RESOURCES, AND SKILLS ARE POSTED

A1:8 has assembled a team of ministry leaders and local organization partners who will post needs on behalf of people within their communities. We restrict posting access to ensure the quality and accuracy of the information posted to this site and to prevent abuse and redundancy.

VIEW OPPORTUNITIES AND ENGAGE AS NEEDED/POSSIBLE

While the broad NCC community (and whole wide world) can view these listings, only approved users can actively engage in meeting needs or claiming resources. All user accounts are review/subject to approval by A1:8 moderators.

RECEIVE ONLY THE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS YOU WANT TO RECEIVE

We recognize that as the platform grows, receiving all updates may become overwhelming so we built in functionality to allow you to choose which types of opportunities you are most interested in.

HUZZAH! NEEDS ARE MET EFFICIENTLY AND A RESOURCE INVENTORY GROWS

With multiple locations, a hundred small groups, and dozens of ministries, keeping track of opportunities to meet real and personal needs is a big job. This tool will help us streamline care and response, while also providing data to enable us to celebrate success and share testimony.