

Small Group Discussion Guide

Dangerous Faith

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I. Times and Seasons, Spirit-Directed

Read Ephesians 4:3–7, Daniel 2:20–21, and Ecclesiastes 3:1–4 aloud.

The core truths of our faith never change, but God's assignments often do. Every generation and every believer must remain sensitive to His direction. Throughout the narrative of Scripture, God led those who followed Him to deliver disruptive messages. Consider these examples: Noah built an ark. Moses delivered God's Law. Joshua led Israel into battle. Samuel judged Israel. David ruled as king. Isaiah proclaimed victory over Assyria. Jeremiah warned of Babylon's conquest. Jesus fulfilled the Law. Peter carried the gospel to a Roman Centurion. Paul took the gospel to the Gentile world.

- **What would have happened if any of these people chose not to fulfill their assignments? What unique or unusual assignments has God asked you to do?**
- **What do their different assignments teach us about following God in different seasons of life?**

II. A Dangerous Life/Ministry

Throughout the New Testament, following Christ was never presented as a safe path. Paul endured continual danger because he faithfully proclaimed the gospel. Jesus willingly submitted Himself to the Father's plan, even when standing before Pilate with His life hanging in the balance. Peter and the apostles refused to stop preaching Christ, despite threats of death, declaring that obedience to God must always take priority over the approval of people.

2 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

*"I have been constantly on the move. I have been in **danger** from rivers, in **danger** from bandits, in **danger** from my own countrymen, in **danger** from Gentiles; in **danger** in the city, in **danger** in the country, in **danger** at sea; and in **danger** from false brothers."*

Also read John 19:7–10 and Acts 5:28–33 aloud.

These examples remind us that courageous faith often invites opposition. The goal is not to seek conflict but to remain faithful to Christ, trusting Him regardless of the personal cost.

- **After reading the passages above, what do you notice about the relationship between obedience and personal risk? What fears are most likely to keep Christians from living out their faith publicly?**

A. Dangerous Faith

Dangerous faith is defined as: *a faith in Jesus Christ that threatens the kingdom of darkness because it openly submits to the Lordship of Christ.*

Read Romans 5:6–8 aloud.

Dangerous faith: is living faith; is faith on display; accepts vulnerability; challenges selfish ambition; calls people to personal transformation; removes the option of retreat.

- **Which description of dangerous faith challenges you the most? Why?**

B. Gravest Danger: The Danger of Ignoring God

Read Hebrews 6:7–8 aloud.

The greatest danger is not opposition from people—it is ignoring God when He speaks.

- **Give an example of when you or someone you know disobeyed God's direction because it felt too difficult or uncomfortable. What happened because of that decision?**

III. Case Study: Paul and His Companions in Ephesus

Read Acts 19:23–29 aloud.

Paul's ministry produced a dramatic response because the gospel challenged the city's idols, economy, and way of life. Dangerous faith will challenge secular culture, advocate obedience to Scripture, disrupt ungodly patterns, and call people to a new way of living.

- **In Acts 19, the gospel disrupted an entire city's values. How can Christians faithfully influence today's culture while remaining full of grace and truth?**
- **What is one area where God may be calling you to take a step of courageous obedience this week?**

Pray together as a group:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name — **Worship/Praise**

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven — **Intercession**

Give us this day our daily bread — **Provision**

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. — **Repentance/Forgiveness**

Lead us not into temptation — **Direction**

Deliver us from evil — **Deliverance**

For thine is the Kingdom and the glory forever and ever, amen - **Yielding**