**BE BOLD**

**AGM – VISION CASTING 2020**

**Introduction:** Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*

* The righteous are bold because they believe in someone greater than themselves.
* Be **B-O-L-D**!

1. **Believed**

* Early Church

Acts 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

* Devoted to teaching
  + Not just Who
  + How
  + Why
* Fellowship – mutual support
* Communion – meal gatherings had a section where they remembered what Christ had done
* Prayer

Take Communion elements

1. **Open**

* The Gospel is for Whoever is thirsty

Revelation 22:17b *Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.*

* Don’t make it hard for seekers to come
* In Antioch there was revival (Acts 15)
  + Many had no knowledge of God before conversion
  + Some Jewish Christians wanted to impose rules.

1. **Live on the Edge**

* Starts with attitude

Luke 9:57-58 *As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

* What point is Jesus making?
  + Are you prepared to give up your man-made security?

Luke 9:59-60 *He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God*.”

* What is your excuse?

Luke 9:61-62 *Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”*

* Looking back does not help you to move forward.

1. **Dare to be Different**

* Audacious faith
  + Glad and sincere (Acts 2:46)
  + Generous (Acts 2:45)
  + Miracles happen (Acts 3)
  + Opposition Occurs

Acts 4:29-30 *Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*