

## God Sends: people with a message



**Review:** We have traced the story of God through to Jesus's death and resurrection and its implications for us. We heard last week that we are all called to spread the good news, but what is at the heart of our message? Early church leaders, reported by Luke in Acts, give us an idea of how they communicated the gospel – and its impact is startling.... ....direct, simple and courageous. Is this our message too? Today we'll revisit the message we share today and what we can learn.



### Discuss:

- If someone asked you why you are a Christian and follow Jesus, what would you say in reply?
- In Acts 4:8-13, Peter gives an account of Jesus to the rulers, elders and teachers of the law in Jerusalem. What are the characteristics of that account?
- Jesus is at the centre of Peter's message (v12 for example). How can we maintain our focus on Jesus in how we share the gospel? What part does scripture play in that? What else can help us?
- Recall a time when you have shared something of your faith in Jesus with another person. What worked? How would you improve your message? What did you learn about how God works?

**Pray:** Pray for times when we share the good news of Jesus with others. Pray for:



- a specific person you'd like to share the good news with
- a reliance on God to equip you with simple words
- a faith to trust in his equipping of us
- a courage and passion born of the Holy Spirit
- the ability to communicate that Jesus's claims are unique

Pray for each other in our own sendings. That we might respond to the Holy Spirit's promptings and trust in him to equip us for our own testimony, whatever form that takes.