

12 Mar 23	SESSION 5	CONFIDENCE THROUGH COMPETENCE
1 Peter 3:15-16	We can be more confident in sharing the good news when we are prepared for the opportunities God gives us.	

Discussion questions

1. When has competence really made a difference to your confidence in something or someone? Where did that competence come from?
2. Which of the devotions did you think particularly applied to your life this week? Which did you find especially helpful?
3. Discuss how your own frontlines have been this week. Share one challenge and one opportunity you've encountered.
4. What's the difference between confident competence and arrogance?
5. Think about times when you've had an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with someone. How did it go? How might you have prepared yourself?
6. Think about your own frontlines – how would growing in knowledge of God or understanding of the Bible help you there?

Bible study

Read **1 Peter 3:15-16** several times, then pause to reflect on one thing that strikes you.

Or reflect on one of these passages:

- **1 Samuel 17:34-37**
- **Matthew 16:5-7**
- **Romans 12:3-6a**
- **Philippians 1:9-11**
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

1. What does this reading tell us about God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
2. What does it say about... the world? Our contexts? Something in the news?
3. How does the reading relate to us and our frontlines? Is there something to give thanks for, to do, to ask for, or to say sorry to God for?

Closing prayer

Spend some time praying for each other's frontlines. You might find it helpful to use one or two of the prayers in the devotional.

Father, you've made us with gifts and abilities and so many opportunities to serve you on our frontlines. Give us fresh desire to keep on learning and growing in competence so that we're prepared to share your love wherever we are.