

## ACTS – Undistractable

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Acts 4:23-35

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **The enemy wants to destroy the things of God**

\*What seems to be the strategic goal of Satan?

#### **Prayer is central to the movement of God in the book of Acts**

Read and discuss Acts 4:23-30(NIV)

*<sup>23</sup> On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup> You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:*

*““Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?*

*<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord*

*and against his anointed one.’*

*<sup>27</sup> Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup> They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

\*What does this passage tell us about God? About people?

\*What can we learn about prayer from these verses?

\*What elements does their prayer include? What did they not pray for?

#### **The early church had perspective on suffering, persecution, and their possessions**

Read and discuss Acts 4:31-35(NIV)

*<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. <sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.*

\*What can we observe about what the people did after they prayed?

\*What is challenging to you about the perspectives they had?

#### **In this moment, the early believers were UNDISTRACTABLE**

The focus of their energy was Kingdom work not their safety or comfort.

\*Where do you see God’s control – His Kingdom – in the midst of the hard in our lives and our world?

\*What does it look like for you to be a better loser right now?

\*What is the comfort the enemy is trying to use to distract you from the work of Jesus?