

ACTS – Empowered

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Acts 4:1-22

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

The religious leaders were disturbed by the preaching of Peter and John

*What was so bothersome to the Sadducees?

*Why is the belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus so important?

All of Scripture points to and is fulfilled by him

Jesus changes everything.

Read and discuss Acts 4:8-12(NIV)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

*What does this passage tell us about God?

*Kyle shared some Old Testament examples of the Scriptures pointing to Jesus – where else do you see the thread of Jesus throughout?

*Is there a time when you’ve felt his Spirit overcome your fear or your own giftedness? What helped you to be led by it alone?

In the midst of their circumstances, Peter and John listen to God

Read and discuss Acts 4:14-22(NIV)

¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶ “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

*What do Peter and John model in their response? Why do they have such boldness?

*What things in your life have you seen and heard that you just can’t help speaking about?

*Where might you be led to be bold in the Spirit right now?

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