

ACTS

SPIRIT-FILLED BOLDNESS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

KEY SCRIPTURES. Choose a person to read the following scriptures.

Read Acts 3:12-26 and Acts 4:1-31

Pick through several of the questions below and discuss.

START THINKING. Ask this question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

The priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees were “greatly disturbed” with Peter speaking to the people (4:2).

- What part of Peter’s message particularly bothered the Sadducees?

(Compare Acts 4:2 with Luke 20:27)

- What role did the priests and temple guard play in the arrest of Jesus (see Luke 22:52-54)?

START TALKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

- Does the arrest of Peter and John slow the spread of the gospel (4:3-4)?

How can the power of God be made evident even in the midst of adverse situations?

- What question did the council ask the Apostles (verse 7)?

• What help did Peter receive in his answer to the council (4:8)? How does this fulfill the words of Jesus in Luke 12:11-12?

- Restate Acts 4:12 in your own words. What does verse 12 tell us and why is it so important?

- What was the reaction of the council to Peter’s boldness (verses 13-14)?

Why did Peter’s answer surprise them?

- How did the presence of the healed lame man affect the council and their decision (verse 14)? If the healed lame man had not been present, might the council have responded differently?
- How did Peter and John respond to the threats of the council (verses 19-20)?

What is the right response to the statement of Peter and John in 4:19?

- Where did the apostles go and what did they do immediately after being released by the council (verse 23)?
- What impresses you most about the prayer of the early church surrounding this event?
- What did the believers request of God, specifically, in verses 29-30? Is that how you would have prayed after such an experience? Why or why not?
- When we send out missionaries, our prayers typically ask for their protection, safety, and ease of sharing the Gospel. How are those requests different from the requests in verses 29-30?

START SHARING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- What attracts opposition to the Gospel? Are you living in such a way to attract opposition?
- Is it worth it to you to suffer consequences for being bold in the name of the Lord?

Why or why not?

- What do you think it means for you right now to be bold in the name of the Lord?
- In reflecting on what the church is supposed to be, Pastor Matt talked about "devotion". Devotion to the Word of God, Devotion to One Another, and Devotion to Our Neighbors. In which of these areas do you feel devoted and in which of these areas do you struggle, WHY?

START PRAYING.

Close in prayer.