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READ

Begin by reading through the entirety of Acts 4. Commit to reading it through every day this week.



Memory Verse:

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Bible Questions:

1. Glance back at Acts 3. What had just occurred prior to the events of chapter 4?

2. Why were Peter and John arrested?

3. According to Acts 4:5-6, who gathered to try Peter & John?

4. What do you learn about these men and their role in Jesus’ crucifixion in John 18 ?

5. Peter could have backed down in fear. Instead , how did he respond to their inquiry in Acts 4:7-12?

6. What do you think enabled Peter and John to respond this way? See verse 8 and 20 for clues ?

7. Once Peter and John were released, the believers gathered to pray. Instead of praying for their safety, what did the believers pray for?

8. Why do you think they were able to pray this way?

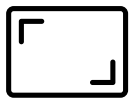
9. Slowly read through the believers’ prayer in verses 24-30. On which attributes of God they focus ?

10. Reread verse 32-37, the description of the community of believers. What do you think caused this unity



Reflect

- Reread Acts 4:13. Would someone observing your life be able to tell that you have the the Holy Spirit within you?
- In Acts 4:14, we see that the rulers and elders had nothing to say in opposition to Peter and James, because the man the had healed was standing right next to them, What evidence can you point to in you life that shows the truth of the Gospel?
- What if anything, is your biggest hindrance to sharing the Gospel with others?
- Would you say that you pray more for deliverance from problems or for the boldness to face them head-on ? Why do you think this is?
- In what ways has your experience within the Christian Community been similar to or different from that described in Acts 4?



Watch Session 4



Group Discussion

Read Acts4:1-22

Do you ever feel as though God has let you down? If so, in what ways ?

What do you do in these circumstances?

Share with the group some of the ways God has come through for you in the past?

Read Acts 3:11-16.

Even though the disciples had just been persecuted, what did they pray for ?

What would you say the majority of your prayer life is focused upon?

What might this reveal about your faith or you relationship with God?

Where do yo currently need boldness from God in your life?

Challenge

Pray a prayer of Boldness, modeled after Acts 4:23-30.



Prayer