

The Heart of the Matter

12. What is the most religious persecution you have experienced for your faith? How did you receive that?

13. What is the most important truth you can take with you from Peter's words in verse 12? What has built your confidence in these words about the exclusivity of the Gospel over the years?

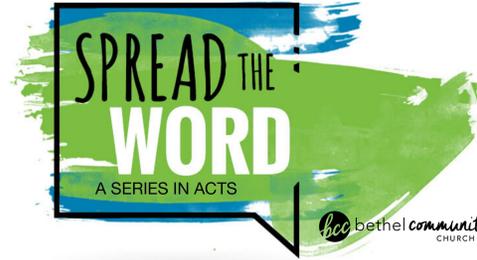
14. How has knowing Jesus changed your character for the good? How is your Christian life characterized by boldness?

15. How are your prayers like or unlike this prayer in verses 24-30? Why would it be beneficial to recall God's character and actions in history?

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Life Group Study Guide

Bold Witness Acts 4:1-31

For the Week of November 18, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What kind of rules did you break when you were a kid? How much trouble did you get into?
3. Have you or do you know someone who got in trouble or went to jail for doing what was right? What happened?

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Digging Deeper

4. What roles did the priest, captain of the guard, and the Sadducees play in the ministry of Jesus? (Luke 20:27-40; 22: 6, 52)

5. Why would the Sadducees oppose the disciples' preaching? (V2) How would you have responded in seeing Peter and John arrested?

6. What is the high priest's family trying to accomplish? (V7) Are they seeking information or are they trying to intimidate the disciples? (V2; Acts 3:16)

7. What was the essence of Peter's message to the Sanhedrin? (V8-12) What effect did Peter's words have on the Sanhedrin? (V13-17)

8. How does Peter being "filled with the Holy Spirit" compare with the purpose of the Holy Spirit's filling in Acts 2:4? (Luke 21:12-13)

9. Why is the Sanhedrin so insistent that the disciples stop preaching about Jesus? (V18)

10. Why is Acts 4:24-30 truly one of the greatest prayers in Scripture? What did the prayer ask for?

11. Why would the disciples begin the prayer by recalling God's sovereignty? (V24-28) How had God already demonstrated His sovereignty to the apostles up to this point?