

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, November 26th, 2023

Read

Acts 4:1-31 — Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin

Opener

1. What threat brought you the most fear as a child?
2. When was the last time you had a run-in with an authority figure (police or someone else)?

Dig

3. Why did the religious leaders object to Peter and John's preaching? How would you feel if you were a disciple and saw Peter and John taken away?
4. What is the high priest's family trying to do (v. 7) – seek information or intimidate the disciples? Why (see v. 2; 3:16)?
5. If you were one of the authorities, what would be your reaction to Peter's bold answer? How is his boldness related to the filling of the Spirit (v. 2:4)?
6. Imagine that you had been in a group of believers to whom John and Peter returned and told what had happened. What would have been your reaction?
7. What impresses you about the believers' prayer? What do they confess about God? What do they ask God to do?

Challenge

8. How do you feel and how do you respond when you are challenged or criticized about your faith in Jesus?

9. When, if ever, do you feel that Peter's response to his political and religious leaders would be appropriate for a Christian today? How do you reconcile this passage with Romans 13:1-4?

10. In what way do you most need the power of the Holy Spirit?