



THRIVE

February 27, 2020

Acts 4:1-21

Introduction What one idea from this passage do you want to be sure that the group discusses?

Head: What is the passage saying?

Describe the sequence of events in Acts 4:1-21. You may find it helpful to use the following outline (fill in the blank)

Verses 1-4: ____; Verses 5-12:____; Verses 13-21 ____;

2. What was the result (verse 4) after Peter and John were imprisoned? How was their experience influenced by the effects of political weakness?

3. In verses 8-12, Peter responds to a line of questioning in front of authorities. What part of his response most speaks to you?

In verse 13, we read that Peter and John were “unschooled, ordinary men”, what made them so stand out from everyone else?

Hands: How do I practically live this out?

1. Chapter four describes the first (but not last) persecution in the book of Acts. How can Peter and John’s response help you to understand how to answer those who are critical of believing in Jesus?

2. Verse 13 details the “courage” of Peter and John. What do we read in this passage that would lead them to this place of “courage”? Have you ever lived out this kind of “courage”? Where is there a Spirit powered “courage” that God may be calling you to live out?

Heart: How does this passage influence my inner being?

1. In verse 11, Peter quotes Psalm 118:22 to point out that Jesus is the fulfillment of this Old Testament prophecy. Though He was rejected by His own people, God raised Jesus from the dead, and He is now the cornerstone. What patterns in your life reflect Jesus as the cornerstone on which your life is built?



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