**Murray Baptist Church – May 5, 2020 / Acts 4 – What Do You Have to Say About Your Life?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Verse(s)** | **Focus** | **Connections** | **Takeaways** |
| 1 | Religious leaders oppose Peter and John | Luke 19:47; 20:1, 19; 22:2, 4, 50, 66; 23:4, 10, 13  | The same groups that were opposing Jesus were also opposing the disciples who were promoting Jesus -2 |
| 2-3 | Sadducees | One group was grieved that they taught about Jesus; the other group was upset that they spoke about the resurrection of the dead | Why were the Sadducees opposed to Jesus? (Resurrection of the dead) |
| 4 | 2000 more added to church | See Acts 2:41 | The number of bodies is not the important part, but evidence of substantial growth among the population is highlighted here  |
| 5-6 | Reinforcement of the idea that the religious leaders opposed Peter and John | See verse 1 |  |
| 7 | Peter and John’s authority questioned by the leaders | See Luke 20:2 | Do you know what authority you have and who gives it to you? |
| 8 | Filled with the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost | Stereotypical characterization of Luke’s main characters (Luke 1:15, 41, 67; 4:1) and in Acts (2:4; 4:31; 6:3; 5; 7:55; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9) | Emphasis is on the power of the Holy Spirit – similar actions of the OT Prophets |
| 8-12 | Peters Responds | Healing and salvation come by the authority of the same name | This is not a solo Act. God sent the disciples out 2x2 for a reason |
| 13 | Relatable people doing unthought of things |  | People who lack professional credentials can still be effective depending on who their mentors are |
| 14-15 | Peter, John and healed man excused  | Second time the religious leaders didn’t know what to do with Peter and John |  |
| 16-18 | Council deliberates and threatens the disciples | See verse 3; see also Acts 5:34-39 | If God started it, no man can stop it |
| 19-20 | Peter and John Respond |  | Each of us has choice of who we will listen to and follow regardless of the consequences – how have you been choosing so far? |
| 21-22 | Leaders unsure how to punish the disciples |  |  |
| 23-31 | Fellowship and prayer time with other believers | Praise to GodOT is becoming clearConnected to actions of people during the apostle’s timesHealings, signs and wonders attributed to GodHoly Spirit comes |  |
| 30  | Stretching out your hand | Healing came by the disciples stretching out their hands to reach the one who couldn’t walk – also remember what happened when Moses stretched out his hand (Exodus 3:20; 4:4; 6:8; 7:5, etc.) |  |
| 32-36 | A United front |  | Ownership was not completely renounced but seeking to hold onto individual possessiveness was |