



Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. Before you read chapter 4, ask God to help you not only understand but also to live out this week's lesson as revealed in the word. Read all of Acts Chapter 4.
2. Read verses 1-4. Track the disciple's proclamation, its consequence and the fruit it yields. What can we learn from this process? Pray for courage, for strength in trial and for the gospel to move.
3. Spend time in verses 5-12. Consider the clarity and conciseness with which Peter explains the power in the name of Jesus. Are you prepared to give an answer for the hope inside you? Can you proclaim who Jesus is and what he has done for you? Ask God to fill you with his spirit and prepare you to give testimony of His Goodness.
4. Rest on verse 13. Know that you are qualified and equipped and empowered to share the gospel, the good news of Jesus with a lost and hurting world. Bring humble gratitude to the Lord today.
5. Consider verses 17-20. Let them do some work on your heart. What commands more of your attention, your energy, your obedience: what is right in God's eyes or that which gains the approval/praise of men? Pray for wisdom and courage this day.
6. Read verses 21-35. Let the example of the early church lead you to contemplate the condition of your own faith community (your church). What might you do this week to bring the two worlds into closer alignment? Pray for the church and its leadership today.
7. Reflect on verse 36-37. Think on the example of Barnabas. Is there someone in your life that needs encouragement? Do you have a "field" to sell? Pray for the Lord's leading in your life.

Notes/Prayer Request

ACTS 4:19,20

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