

ACTS STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 4

In Acts 1, Luke wrote that he was going to record what Jesus taught and did through the apostles and in Acts 2, he wrote that the apostles did miracles through Jesus Christ. In Acts 3, Luke describes a miracle. Acts 4 begins by describing the religious leaders' response to the miracle.

Read all of Acts 4

Acts 4:1-22

1. Of those who heard Peter and John preaching the Good News, how many became new believers?
2. Describe the response of the religious leaders to Peter. Why did they respond to Peter and John in the way that they did?
3. How did Peter respond to the religious leaders? What did he say about Jesus and salvation?

Acts 4:23-31

1. After their release, what did Peter and John do?
2. How did the early church community respond?
3. What do you make of the community's prayer (verses 24-30)? How is God described? What do these different descriptions tell us about Him? In the prayer, what did the believers praise and for what did they ask?
4. How would recalling God's dealings with those who conspire against Him encourage the early church community?
5. What happened after the prayer (ie, beyond the shaking/trembling, how did the church community respond to the adversity and persecution?)?
6. After all that Peter and John experienced, do you find their response and that of the early church odd? How would many people respond?
7. What does it mean to be "one in heart and mind?"

Application

1. What evidence of God's power through the Holy Spirit do you see in Acts 4?
2. Have you had similar experiences?
3. Have you witnessed or experienced resistance to the Good News? How did you respond?
4. What truths from Acts 4 equip us as individual believers and as a church community to face resistance and other forms of adversity?
5. The theme of chapter 4 is the courage of the disciples. When, for the sake of the Gospel, do you need courage? Why?