

Acts-Week 5 Study Guide
Week of November 3, 2019

Lead In: Share a habit or tradition your family of origin had that was special to you.

Have someone read Acts 4:1-12 out loud. Then discuss the following questions:

- How did Peter and John respond as they faced opposition?
- What was the Sanhedrin's charge against them?
- How did Peter show his complete reliance on Christ and the Holy Spirit in his address?
- Describe a time when you encountered opposition to God's truth. How did you handle that opposition?
- Would you have liked to handle the opposition differently? If so, in what way?
- In light of the truth that recalling God's mercy births boldness in our lives, take a few minutes to share some ways in which you are especially aware of God's mercy in your life.

Please have someone read Acts 4:13-22 then discuss the following questions:

- How did Peter and John rest in God's sovereign power when they were before the Sanhedrin?
- How did the Sanhedrin react to their "ordinariness"?
- How would you describe Peter and John's response to their threats in verses 19-20?
- Why is it significant that the man was over 40 years old (v. 22)? What would that mean to the witnesses in his community who watched him suffer for so long?
- Have you ever thought that you didn't have the right personality or education to be a bold witness?
- Close your time together by dividing into groups of two or three to pray. Direct each group to pray for one another and ask God to increase their boldness in sharing the gospel by the power of His Spirit. (Before praying, group members might want to share specific names of people they want to come to Christ or in specific circumstances in which they want to ask for wisdom and boldness to witness.)