

# NAME RECOGNITION

Acts 4:5–31

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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Acts 4:5–31; Acts 3:1–4:4; Psalm 2:1–12; Psalm 118:22–23; John 14:6; 2 Timothy 1:7–8;

1 Peter 2:6–8

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. What are some character qualities that make a person or organization trustworthy? What are disciplines you practice to be trustworthy and rebuild trust when it has broken down?
2. When we are pressured to compromise on our convictions, what are some simple steps you can take to stand strong on what is true, right, and good in that particular circumstance? (4:7–12, 18–20).
3. How do we hold in tension the reality that Jesus is the only name to ultimately trust while also living in trust-based intimate relationships with one another, the church, as God's Word commands, knowing we have and will let one another down? What are practical ways we can live in this tension together? What resources does God give us to trust one another even when we have let down or been let down by one another? (4:12–13, 31)
4. If you are a Christian, in what ways is it true that your life and words speak for Jesus? Why is it so important then that we spend time with Jesus, be with Jesus, before we speak for Jesus? What is the connection between being filled by the Spirit, being together as a church, being with Jesus, and speaking for Jesus? What is one aspect of being with Jesus in which you desire to grow in the weeks ahead? (4:8, 13, 31)
5. Often, we put people, churches, or other entities in the place of Jesus, and we expect total perfection to maintain trust. Yet, Ephesians 5:25–27 describes Jesus' sanctifying work in the church that will continue until glory, depicted in Revelation 19:7–8. If no church, person, or other entity is perfectly pure until eternity, how does this help us navigate areas of health and unhealth we encounter as Christ completes that work he began (Phil. 1:6)? How might Jesus call us into that purifying, sanctifying work in our own lives and others'?
6. How does prayer, being filled by the Spirit, and powerful witness come together in this passage? How have you seen this in your own life or someone else's? How can your community group become more passionate in prayer, more consistent in walking by the Spirit, or more confident in your gospel witness? (4:8, 31)

## RECOMMENDED READING

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