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Life Group Discussion Questions

Reflect on Sunday's message and take time to share honestly, listen well, and encourage one another.

Acts 4

1. Do you regularly give credit to God/Jesus for the good things you experience in life? Do you declare your trust in Jesus when things are challenging?

2. Do you regularly offer to pray for others regardless of where they might be in their spiritual journey?

3. Do you regularly examine your heart and confess and repent of any sin that might hinder the Spirit's work in and through your life?

4 Are you committed to a smaller community of Jesus-followers? Do you integrate the regular rhythms of life together in both organized and organic ways?

5 Have you established, as a community of faith, a presence with others who have not yet come to faith? If not, how might you do this?

6 Have you built enough "relational capital" with others that you can be transparent and vulnerable with them?

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Acts 4, 5

Acts 4:1 – 4, 8 – 12, 32

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

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Acts 4:1 – 4, 8 – 12, 32

3 They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. 4 But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

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Acts 4:1 – 4, 8 – 12, 32

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

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Acts 4:1 – 4, 8 – 12, 32

11 Jesus is

“‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’[a]

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

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Acts 4:1 – 4, 8 – 12, 32

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

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Undeniable PERSON – the person of Jesus Christ

“…it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.”

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1. Undeniable PERSON – the person of Jesus Christ

- Do we intentionally give credit to JESUS for the good things in life?
- Do we direct others to JESUS in their compliments to you?
- Do we pray for others in JESUS' name?

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Undeniable POWER – the power of the Holy Spirit

"Then Peter, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, said to them…"

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Undeniable POWER – the power of the Holy Spirit

- Do we take time to regularly confess and repent?
- Do we challenge each other to submit and obey?
- Do we regularly pray for the filling of the Spirit?

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Undeniable PRESENCE – IN community TO the community

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

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Undeniable PRESENCE – IN community TO the community

- How present are you in community with others in the sent church?
- How committed are you to "life together"?
- How present are you with the community where God has placed you?

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Undeniable PURITY – preserving purity and holiness

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." (Ephesians 5:25 – 27)

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Undeniable PURITY – preserving purity and holiness

Acts 5:1 – 11

Ananias and Sapphira

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Undeniable PURITY – preserving purity and holiness

- Do we take a high view of purity and holiness?
- Do we deal with sin in a serious way?
- Are we willing to be accountable to others?

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Undeniable PERSECUTION – for the name of Jesus

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2 – 4)

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Undeniable PERSECUTION – for the name of Jesus

- Do we embrace persecution and the opportunities to grow or do we try to avoid it?
- Are we being persecuted for our faith? If not, why not?

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Person – person of Jesus Christ

Power – power of the Holy Spirit

Presence – presence in community to community

Purity – purity and holiness of God's people

Persecution – persecution in the name of Jesus

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