



Bible study for the week starting July 24, 2022

SHARE

1. How has the Lord Jesus been interacting in your life recently? What has He been putting on your heart to pray for?
2. Read **Acts 4:23**. On Sunday, Pastor Marvin said that Peter and John went to tell the LIFE GROUP what had happened. How is your LIFE GROUP like the apostles' "friends"?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

3. Read **Acts 4:24-30**. This is the text of the prayer that the group of Christians prayed. What do you like about the prayer? What catches your attention about the way they prayed?
4. Briefly skim through **Chapters 5 – 8 of Acts** (you may want to divide and conquer to do this). As you skim, look for clues that reveal how the Lord answered this prayer. What evidence do you see that God is still interested in answering this prayer today?
5. Read **Acts 4:31**. Once again, we read about people being filled with the Holy Spirit. Review the other incidents in the opening chapters of Acts where this is mentioned (**Acts 1:5, 2:4, 2:38, 4:8-9**). How are these passages associated with the mention of Jesus? What are we learning about the God who acts in these opening chapters (e.g., how does He act? What purpose(s) does He achieve?)
6. In what ways does Jesus accomplish similar purposes today?
7. How does He engage the church to accomplish those purposes? How does He engage St. John's?
8. EXTRA CREDIT: Take turns encouraging each other by recognizing how each has received a gift or talent or ability from the Holy Spirit. Then also suggest how this gift or talent might be employed in the work of the church at St. John's.

PRAY

9. In Acts 4, the Christians gathered pray to be able to speak the word of God with boldness. Pray the Lord's blessings on one or more ways God is accomplishing His purposes through/at St. John's. Pray for the Lord to illuminate ways of speaking His gospel message boldly using the gifts and talents He gives us.



The God Who Acts: Bold Love

Acts 4:23-31

July 24, 2022 – Pastor Marvin St. Pierre

“They lifted their voices together to God” with these words SOVEREIGN LORD

The apostles saw connections in what was happening in their lives with Psalm 2

HEROD represented “kings”

PONTIUS PILATE represented “rulers”

GENTILES represented “gentiles”

CHIEF PRIESTS & ELDERS represented “peoples of Israel”

The kings and rulers and people are described as wanting to overthrow all claims that the Lord and His Anointed had on their lives. The apostle Paul would later write about this as the spirit of ANTICHRIST.

PREACH the word boldly. Then, if you have to, USE WORDS.

A most profound truth: JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW.

For next week, read Acts 4:32-37