

# INCLUSIVE EXCLUSIVITY

ACTS 4:1-22

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything about the message today that was particularly helpful? Anything that you'd like to discuss further?
2. The exclusivity of Christianity troubles many people in our culture. How do you explain this concept with sharing the Christian faith today? What could we do better?
3. What is particularly troubling to the leaders about the apostles (v.7, 13-14), and what link is there between this distress and their rejection of the gospel message?
4. One of the key marks that you've been filled with the Holy Spirit is "boldness to share." Share times when you've been empowered by the Spirit with unusual boldness.
5. One of the things we learn from this passage is the certainty of persecution if we are obedient to share the biblical Gospel. How does this happen today?
6. The apostles seem to engage in a kind of "civil disobedience" due to their commitment to obey God rather than men. How does this happen today?
7. In the book of Acts you see that the Spirit comes and "refreshes" the apostles with new boldness and new courage. Are you in need of a "refreshing?" What do we learn from this text to help bring that about?
8. Our experience and knowledge of Christ are directly related to our effectiveness in sharing him. What needs to change in your life so you're better prepared?
9. What practical changes are you going to make in your life in light of today's discussion?