

Connect Group Guide: Acts Part 5 - "Persecution"



Passage: Acts 4:1-31

Sermon Link:

<https://youtu.be/1rvaL-ezsKw?si=EghPtca6Nd-9JvIA>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Did someone ever get upset when you testified about Jesus? What was your reaction?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [In Christ Alone \(My Hope Is Found\) - Adrienne Liesching | LYRIC VIDEO](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Do you think we are persecuted today for our faith?

Read: Acts 4:1-31

- The Sadducees got very upset because of the preaching of Peter and John. What did they preach?
- Why did the Sadducees get upset about this? What was their function in biblical times?
- How does the “Sadducees of today” still affect our lives?
- :13 says the Sadducees were amazed. Why were they amazed? How does this inspire you to live your life?
- Peter and John were commanded not to speak in the name of Jesus. How do people react today if we speak in the name of Jesus?
- The question: “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!” is still relevant today. How do we speak the name of Jesus boldly and in love?
- How did Peter and John react after their threats? What will our response be?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How are you challenged to glorify Christ in your school/university/work/home this week?
- How does boldness affect your everyday life?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray for boldness. Ask God to empower you through the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of Jesus boldly, everywhere, anytime, on all occasions.

