

Connect Group Guide: Surrender and Release



Passage: Acts 4:1-20

Sermon Link:

https://youtu.be/mXu6yPb-KXU?si=4eXx2vU7R64oz_w0

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone? How did it go?
- Describe a time when the Holy Spirit led you to do something out of your comfort zone.

Worship:

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

- Jesus at the centre: <https://youtu.be/y6JYHnMsqp0?si=YS0b2cld7JyY6XM6>

Word:

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

Before reading the scripture:

- What does it mean when we say that the Holy Spirit works in and through you?

Read: Acts 4:1-20

- Not too long before this event, Peter denied even knowing Jesus, now he boldly proclaims Jesus. What changed?
- Do we need the Holy Spirit when we share the gospel? Why?
- What is your biggest obstacle to sharing the gospel with others?
- It is the same spirit who lived in Jesus, who worked through Peter and John, who now works in and through you. Discuss this statement.
- Why do you think there is a resistance to the name of Jesus being proclaimed?
- How does it make you feel knowing that you are the best person to share the gospel to the people that God has placed around you?
- Do you feel like you are able to effectively share the gospel? What would help?

Works:

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

- What is stopping you from proclaiming Jesus?
- In what area of your life is God calling you to surrender to His Spirit and release the Spirit to work in and through you?
- Who has God placed around you to minister to?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray together for boldness to share the gospel and minister to those around us, in the places where God has put us.

