

Better Together, Week 2, Life In Christ Is Better Together

Scott Merriner, September 6, 2020 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Read: Acts 4:1-31

- 1. Why were Peter and John brought in for questioning before the Sanhedrin? (v1-7)
- 2. What happened during the interaction between Peter, John and the Sanhedrin? (v5-17)
- 3. What conclusion do the religious leaders come to? (v18-22)
- 4. What was the response of the believers when Peter and John return? (v23-31)

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 5. Knowing that Peter and John were unschooled, the council was amazed at what being with Jesus had done for them. A changed life convinces people of Christ's power. One of your greatest testimonies is the difference others see in your life and attitudes since you have believed in Christ. What changes had God brought in your life that could convince others of Christ's power?
- 6. Peter and John's zeal for the Lord was so strong that they could not keep quiet, even when threatened. Tell about a time when the Holy Spirit enabled you to witness to someone or to do something bold for God's kingdom even though the circumstances were difficult, awkward, or threatening.
- 7. When Peter and John return to their community of believers and share what happened, their friends "raise their voices together in prayer to God," proclaiming His sovereignty and power. What stories or testimonies of God at work have caused you to respond in prayer and worship?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **