Community Group Discussion Guide
Growing in Courage
"Speak the Truth with Grace" – Acts 4:8-22
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Main thought:
When facing opposition, we can courageously proclaim Jesus knowing we do not have to stand alone.

Icebreaker:

- What is a hobby, skill, or topic you know a lot about, despite having absolutely zero professional training or formal credentials?
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- If your group was forced to live off the grid together for a month, what is the one unique resource, skill, or item you would bring to share with everyone?

Questions:

1. What stood out to you from Acts 4:8-22?
2. Why did the preaching of Peter and John upset the religious establishment?
3. How did the apostles have courage to face those opposed to the gospel?
4. What does Peter mean with the phrase "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone" (v. 11)?
5. In a world that says, "all paths lead to God," how would you explain why Peter makes such an exclusive statement (v.12)?
6. Note the characteristics of the religious establishment observed in Peter and John (v. 13). What does this teach us about the importance of spending time with Jesus?
7. What fears keep people from publicly standing up for their beliefs?
8. How can you prepare yourself to defend your beliefs when they are challenged?
9. Peter and John spoke boldly but respectfully to the authorities. In today's highly polarized culture, how do we balance being uncompromisingly bold about truth while remaining deeply loving and respectful?
10. In what ways could you strengthen your sense of courage about being a Christian at work, in your neighborhood, or in your family?

Prayer: Consider the number of public leaders who serve throughout the country, pray today that their hearts would be soft to the wisdom of God. While considering your own need for God's grace daily.