

Discussion Questions

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:1-22

Obedying God, Not Man



1. Read Acts 4:13

What stood out to the leaders about Peter & John?

Discuss how realistic it is for us to seek to live & love in such a way that people will begin to encounter Jesus by encountering us. How do we practically cultivate that way of living?

2. In this passage we see that even after witnessing a radical miracle, the leaders still would not believe in Jesus. How someone could witness such a miracle and not believe.

As a follow up, discuss what does it take then for someone to actually believe?

3. Read: Acts 4:15-20

Peter says they are to Obey God and not men, so they will keep on sharing about Jesus even if it means they are thrown in jail. What are the main areas you wrestle with giving into the fear of man today?

In what main ways do you struggle with pursuing God's vision for life in His Kingdom here on Earth and instead pursue your own vision for what the good-life is?

What are realistic shifts that can be made to re-align our vision to His?

4. Summarize how Peter & John responded to the persecution against them by the governing bodies.

As we move closer towards a post-Christian society, how should we as Christians respond to increasing targeting of Christians, infringing on rights, and even persecutions that will become more and more prevalent in the years ahead? (share more than "love them")

5. In Acts 4:8, Peter is again filled with the Spirit and that is what empowers Him with boldness and gives him the words to speak.

What does this kind of filling looks like for us today?

How we can cultivate this way of life?