

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Mar 15-16, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Facing Opposition

(Acts 4:1-21)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 4:1-21.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within these verses, we see Peter and John encountering resistance to the news they are sharing about Jesus.

What level of external opposition, if any, have you encountered in sharing the gospel?

Or maybe you have not faced external challenges as much as internal ones. If you wrestle with internal barriers to sharing the good news of Jesus, share a little bit about this struggle.

Pastor Alan highlighted three phases of resistance that Peter and John faced and how they responded to this resistance.

First, Peter and John faced those who were powering up. (vs. 4:3)

As a response to the priests and Sadducees, Peter and John responded with a confident calm in Jesus. (1 Peter 2:23)

How challenging is it for you to respond to force with calm vs. powering up?

If how you respond in these situations has evolved over your life, how has it and what has equipped you to change?

If you long to exhibit a similar demeanor to Peter and John, what steps are needed?

Second, Peter and John faced those who began interrogating them. (4:7)

As a response to the questions being posed to them, Peter and John respond with courageous clarity about Jesus. (4:8)

If you ever encounter someone questioning your faith (either personally or more globally), how do you typically respond?

If this causes you angst, why do you think this is so?

If you exhibit “courageous clarity,” what enables you to respond this way?

If you long to experience greater clarity when your faith is questioned, what do you think could help?

Third, Peter and John were the recipients of threats. (4:18)

As a response to these threats, Peter and John exhibited an unwavering allegiance to Jesus. (4:19-22)

If you have ever been told to stop speaking about Jesus (at school, at work, etc.), what was this experience like and how did you respond?

In an environment that might be resistant to sharing about Jesus, how, if at all might it be possible to still share Jesus with those around you?

What can it look like for you personally to show an unwavering allegiance to Jesus within the circles you live and operate in?

If time permits, take a moment to pray for the followers of Jesus around the world who live in areas that are much more hostile to the sharing of the gospel.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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