



ACTS CHAPTERS 3 & 4 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

Read the Story (Acts 3:1-26 & Acts 4:1-37)

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Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Acts 3:1-26

- What do you think that Peter had to believe in order to do and say the things that he did in Acts 3:6.
 - Peter had to believe that what He brought to the table as a human being was nothing close to what Jesus brought to the table.
 - Peter had to believe that any power and/or authority he had was completely inferior to the power and authority that Jesus had.
 - Peter had to believe that the power of God would actually work.
- Do you believe that what Jesus has given to you is great and important enough to share with others? How is this demonstrated in your own life?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.



- Reread Acts 3:9-10.
 - Is it easier to share about God and faith when you believe and/or know that someone might be responsive in positive ways? Why?
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- How do you think Peter was so prepared to not only make opportunities to speak about Jesus but also to take advantage of those opportunities like he did in Acts 3:11-26? Keep in mind that this was the same man who betrayed Jesus three times when presented with opportunities to align himself with Him.
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - How do you personally make opportunities to share about Jesus and what He is doing in your life?
 - How do you personally equip yourself to share about Jesus and what He is doing in your life?
 - These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.

Acts 4:1-37

- Read 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. How does this passage in 2 Corinthians relate to Acts 4:1-22?
 - The church has always experienced both praise and opposition when the message of Jesus Christ is being proclaimed. The reality is that the message of Jesus is going to be life to some and death to others because of what they do with the message of Jesus. Notice that many accepted what Peter and John said in Acts 4:5 and the church grew but also notice that both Peter and



John experienced tremendous opposition as a result of sharing and proclaiming Jesus.

- When you experience opposition when sharing Jesus and/or living for Jesus, how do you usually respond? Why?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - Reread Acts 4:13. Would you say that people primarily recognize what you bring to the table, (i.e. your personality) or primarily recognize that you are a man or woman that has spent a considerable amount of time with Jesus?
- This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Reread Acts 4:4 and Acts 4:32. and consider the following questions.
 - What does it mean for a community of 5,000 plus people to have everything in common?
 - Obviously, in a community of 5,000 plus people, you are going to have individuals with very different personalities, backgrounds, vocations, and so many other things. So, having everything in common really has nothing to do with these externals. Rather, having everything in common has to do with simply having and sharing a love for Jesus and being on mission with other brothers and sisters because of this love.
 - How does a community of 5,000 plus people intentionally remind each other that they have everything in common?
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- Are you as a disciple of Jesus more focused on having Jesus in common with your brothers and sisters or more focused on what the world says you need to have in common with your brothers and sisters?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
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