

OKOTOKS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

PLUGGED INTO THE MISSION, NOT JUST THE SABBATH

LUKE 16:1-6, JOHN 5:16-18

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



SERMON OUTLINE

What will I do on Monday with what I have learned on Sunday?

MAIN POINT

When we gather, empowered by God's spirit, we reflect God to one another, and to a larger world.

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What has kept you motivated in the past 18 months?

2. In your day-to-day life, how do you remain on task when it comes to carrying out your life mission?

DIGGING DEEPER

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

> [HAVE VOLUNTEERS READ ACTS 4:1-12](#)

3. What sequence of events transpires in this biblical scene to lead up to verse 12?

SERMON BASED GROWTH GROUP

4. **Review Chapter 3:1-10. What is motivating the lame beggar? What motivates Peter and John?**

> HAVE VOLUNTEERS READ ACTS 4:13-22

5. **As Chapter 4 progresses the stakes are raised for Peter and John. Verse 13-15 demonstrates how Peter and John's simple act of obedience lead to the bolstering of faith for others. Share a time your faith was strengthened by someone else's example of faith. Why is it important we reflect God to each other while we meet?**
6. **Review this passage again, how many people can you list who are having their faith transformed by what is happening? What is happening to the faith of the lame beggar (vs. 14) and what is he doing for the faith of others?**
7. **While physically not there, list and discuss the ways Jesus is present in this situation.**
8. **How were people encountering Christ in this passage? How do we encounter Christ as we gather 2000 years later?**

SERMON BASED GROWTH GROUP

9. Times of trial and tribulation tend to drive us towards God, or away. How does the hardships listed in this passage bring people closer to God? How have recent hardships in your life moved you towards, or away from God?

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

> HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 4:23-36

10. What did the previous sections (from 3:1-4:22) do to the body of believers?

11. Going forward what would our Growth Group and families look like if we began to practice some of what is demonstrated here?

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PRAYER

ACTS 4:24 "SOVEREIGN LORD," THEY SAID, "YOU MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING IN THEM. ²⁵ YOU SPOKE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE MOUTH OF YOUR SERVANT, OUR FATHER DAVID:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.

MEMORIZE

Acts 4: 18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.