



7 Habits of a Healthy Christian Community

Studying Conscientiously

Acts 4

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Questions for Exploration

1. In what ways did the Spirit work through the early Church leaders' knowledge and application of God's Word to establish the first Christian churches?
2. How might the Holy Spirit work through the time invested in the study and application of the Bible to form and fuel his church for effectiveness today?

Supporting Scripture

Acts 4
Jer. 6:16
Jn. 14:6-7
Acts 1-3
Acts 3:12b-15

Introduction

Provocative Words (1-4)

Powerful Words (5-12)

Personified Words (13)

Mt. 7:28-29
Mk. 1:22

Jn. 1:1-14

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Passages for further consideration and study regarding study:
Acts 2:42-47
1 Tim. 4:11-16
2 Tim. 2:14-15
2 Tim. 3:16-17

Next Week: Gathering Habitually

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<p>7 Habits of a Healthy Christian Community</p> <p>Studying Conscientiously</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Acts 4</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text -read the text together. (Acts 4:1-13)</p> <p>Discussion Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to Acts 4:1-2 why were the people, the priests, the commander of the temple guard, and the Sadducees so angry and disrupted by Peter and John? What was it about their actions that so unsettled the religious leaders? 2. Even though Peter and John were arrested and put in prison, many still heard and believed the message that they were teaching and living. How does this reality remind us that the power and effect of the gospel is not dependent on man, but rather on God? 3. When questioned by the Chief priest and his family, what power and name does Peter give credit to? Why do you think the writer of Acts wanted the readers to know that Peter spoke as one who was filled with the Holy Spirit? (vss. 8-11) 4. How does Peter use this opportunity to present the gospel to the Chief priests? What is the content of the message he delivers to them? Despite their rejection of Jesus, how was the gospel still good news to them? (vss. 8-12) 5. What characteristics did the temple leaders ascribe to Peter and John (vs. 13)? How is God's Word personified in the person of Jesus? In what ways could our words and our lives be a testimony that we too, are a people who have been (transformed, changed, moved) with/by Jesus? <p>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p>Supporting Scripture</p> <p>Acts 4 Jer. 6:16 Jn. 14:6-7 Acts 1-3 Acts 3:12b-15 Mt. 7:28-29 Mk. 1:22 Jn. 1:1-14</p> <p>Passages for further consideration and study regarding study:</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 1 Tim. 4:11-16 2 Tim. 2:14-15 2 Tim. 3:16-17</p> <p>Prayer Requests</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>