

Growth Group Discussion Questions
Week of May 16, 2010
Acts 4 - Peter and John before the Sanhedrin

(questions come from Serendipity Bible - a GREAT resource for groups!)

Describe a time when you felt right about breaking the rules.

Read Acts 4:1-22

What roles did the priest, captain, and the Sadducees play in the ministry of Jesus?

Why would the Sadducees oppose the disciples preaching?

What would you feel if you were one of the believers who saw Peter and John taken away?

If it happened today, how would the scene be reported in the news?

What is the high priest's family trying to do?

What do you think the authorities thought about Peter's bold answer?

How does the Spirit's work in Peter compare to the promise in Acts 2:4?

Do you feel that there are situations in the world today where "disobedience" like Peter's is needed?

How do we reconcile this with the need to "obey authorities" in Romans 13:1-4?

What types of persecution have you experienced for your faith?

Peter and James are transformed by Jesus. Looking at your life, how has knowing Jesus shaped your character?

Read the prayer in Acts 4:29. Why did they pray for boldness instead of safety?

What may be a way you may need to grow in boldness?

OR

If you pray for boldness as a Christian, what do you think that will mean for you?