

Acts 4 DEVOTED TO PRAYER AND BEING A WITNESS

Share the 2 most influential factors in you becoming a follower of Jesus. Is there a common factor? For most of us someone had to speak with us about Jesus and quiet often a praying friend or family member.

Read Acts 4:1-20

1. Who were the opponents and why were they upset with Peter & John?
2. Why does Luke go to the trouble of identifying those involved? See Luke 23:10; Luke 23:13-24
3. What does Luke emphasize in Peters response in verses 8-12?
4. Why does his testimony surprise the chief priests? V13
5. What do we learn about hostility and sharing the gospel from verses 1-2, 17-20?

Read Acts 4: 23-31

6. What does the churches prayer (v24-30) teach about:
 - i) The place of God's Sovereignty in prayer?
 - ii) What to ask for when faced with hostility in seeking to spread the gospel?
7. What does Luke emphasize was the result of their prayer? How does this encourage us as we face hostility or obstacles as we seek to share Jesus ourselves?

Think & Discuss: 8. -Speaking the gospel can be publicly to a crowd or privately one to one ó Which people put pressure on you or our church to not speak of Jesus and the whole gospel?

What reasons would be given for discouraging such speaking?

9. To what extent do you face hostility for speaking about Jesus? What does this show in light of what we've learnt in this passage?
10. Why is being devoted to prayer so important in the spread of the gospel?

(If time permits, or at home yourself personally)

Look up the following verses and answer the question: What should you Pray for yourself as you seek to speak about Jesus?

2 Tim 1:7

Eph 6:19-20

Col 4:3

Col 4:5-6

Eph 6:10-13

Acts 8:26-40

What should you pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet?

Lk 8:11-12

2 Cor 4:3-4

Rom 1:16

Acts 16:29-31

Who are the people that you could be praying for regularly and speaking to beyond today?(regularly use "Catch the Vision 2017 Planner")

Pray for each other being a witness among your family and friends?