

THE BOOK OF ACTS

February 17, 2019

Acts 4:23-31

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the first reaction of Peter & John after being released by the Council (v. 23)? Why is this so significant?
2. Consider the following definition for “fellowship”: “Fellowship is when the body of Christ, comes together in Christ, to accomplish God’s plan of glorifying Christ.” How does this differ from your previous concept of fellowship? How does this change your view of fellowship?
3. Why do we need each other as companions in Christ (Hebrews 10:23-25)?
4. What is the reaction of Peter & John’s companions to their report (v. 24)? Why is this so significant?
5. Bill Hybels suggests an acrostic for prayer: A-C-T-S. Identify the elements of this prayer (if any) that fall under . . .
 - Adoration:
 - Confession:
 - Thanksgiving:
 - Supplication:Which of these elements do you tend to spend most of your time on when you pray? Which elements get the least attention? How could you bring better balance to your prayers?
6. Whenever you encounter the “rage” of the world against the name of Jesus, why is it important to keep Ephesians 6:12 in mind?

7. What is the benefit in praying Scripture like the Psalms?

8. Even when men are at their worst (v. 27), who's really in charge (v. 28)? Is it ever difficult to process this reality? How are we to take this as true?

9. What were the three results to their prayer (v. 31)? This reminds us to always _____ God in spite of the actions of men around us.

10. Do you understand the distinction between the baptism in the Holy Spirit (1:5), the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:38) and the infilling of the Holy Spirit (2:4; 4:8, 31; Ephesians 5:18)?

BITHS

GOTHS

IOTHS

When (occasion)

Who (recipients)

How often (frequency)

Why (purpose)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will hold fast the confession of my hope this week by . . .

2. I will encourage someone in the faith this week by . . .

3. I will bring better balance to my prayers this week by . . .