

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Nothing to Hide

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When you've been with Jesus, people notice because your life is different (Acts 4:13). There is a courage, a power and a wisdom that shines brightly through broken vessels like us. The way we live in the world is a powerful part of our witness, a means to accomplish the mission.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: ACTS 4:1-20

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Once again, the religious leaders were greatly annoyed because Peter and John were teaching the people and proclaiming that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead, that there was new life in Jesus. The religious leaders wanted that kind of witness stopped! The very next day, the Jewish leaders ask Peter and John what power or what name did you do this healing? Peter asked them why they were being examined for doing a good thing in the healing of the lame man. Peter plainly tells everyone there, "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well". Of course there was not much the Jews could say. By the time they apostles had been arrested, it was too late because many who heard the word believed and that was about five thousand people and they all knew life came from Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who can you relate to most in this story? Why?
- How do you think Peter felt as he spoke to the leaders? How do you think the leaders felt?
- Do you boldly witness about Jesus? Why or why not?
- What does boldly witnessing about Jesus look like?
- What message do you have to share with others about Jesus?

APPLICATION: This week, be bold! How can you lean into confidence from the Holy Spirit to be bold in your life? What might that look like for you?