

DIGGING DEEPER



These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: Lights, Camera, ACTS-ion
Sermon: *When Times Get Tough*
Scripture: Acts 4:1-31

Getting Started

Why do you think the “name it/claim it” or “health, wealth and prosperity” religious teachings are so popular in our society?

Bible Study Questions

1. Make a list of the various people/groups mentioned in Acts 4:1, 5 & 6 who were standing in opposition to Peter and John.
 - Why would these religious leaders be potentially intimidating to Peter and John (consider their role in Jesus’ trials/crucifixion)?
2. What do we learn about adversity and hardship from the following verses?
 - John 15:18-20
 - John 16:2
 - 2 Timothy 3:12
 - 1 Peter 2:21
3. Even though John and Peter were arrested and jailed, what tremendous thing resulted from their preaching about Jesus following the healing of the lame man (Acts 4:4)?
4. On the one hand, God’s Word teaches we should be respectful towards those in authority over us (see Romans 13:1-2). On the other hand, Peter and John practiced “civil disobedience” by continuing to preach and teach after being admonished to cease by the Jewish authorities (Act 4:18-20). How do you reconcile their actions with the teaching of Romans?
5. Read Acts 4:23-31. Identify in these verses the elements of “the simple church” about which we studied a few weeks ago.
 - Worship:
 - Impact
 - Community
 - Growth

Apply It

Consider a time in your life when you faced adversity. How would your ability to endure it be helped by:

- Being submissive to the Lord?
- Being steadfast for the Truth?
- Being strengthened by the Body?