

EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY
The Acts of the Apostles
Session 6: Peter and John Speak to the Sanhedrin – Student Notes
ACTS: 4
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Even a child is known by his actions, whether what he does is pure and right.

Proverbs 20:11

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 6:23

Attribute of God: October 7: Jesus is the NAME above all NAMES!

October 14: God is the _____.

Aim: To teach that God's Spirit helps us speak the truth about Jesus, no matter what.

Ice Breaker Questions: Reinroduce self around table. For what truth/attribute about God can you praise Him today? For what would you like to truly thank God today?

1. THE ARREST! Acts 4: 1-4

Sadducees: No belief in the resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15: 17-19

DISCUSS: The Sadducees only knew *about* Jesus. But Peter and John *knew* Jesus in a very personal way. Who is someone in your life that you think knows Jesus very well? Why do you think they know Jesus well?

Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

2. THE TRIAL: Acts 4: 5-12

See Deuteronomy 13: 1-5.

DISCUSS: What's in a Name? When you hear the name of Jesus, of what attributes of His do you think?

When people hear your name, what attributes do you think they think?

What attributes do you WANT them to think?

Read Psalm 118:22-26

3. The SENTENCE: Acts 4: 13-22

How can you account for the difference in Peter?

A. Misconception #1: They were unlearned and _____

B. Misconception #2: Their Relationship With Jesus Was _____!

Application: Make sure you do not have a past tense relationship with Jesus! Keep it current and up to date! As you spend time with Jesus you will be given what you need!! Read Luke 12: 11-12, Luke 21: 14-15

POINT: What the church needs today is more lame people standing whole in it's midst. That's the kind of evidence that cannot be denied.

DISCUSS: How was your life lame before coming to Jesus? How is it now? Who is someone you know who's life was totally lame, but now because of Jesus they are dancing and leaping and praising God?

**C. Misconception #3: _____ and _____
Would Shut Up the Christians.**

4. The MODEL APOSTOLIC PRAYER MEETING! Acts 4: 23-31

A. _____

1) His _____ and _____!

**2) His _____ and _____ – He's
_____!**

B. Address Your _____!

**C. Ask for what is _____ in your life to bring _____
_____!**

D. Ask in _____!

E. God's Answer! Acts 4: 30-31

DISCUSSION: When is a time your family or church family prayed together in unity and asked God for help with a problem? What answer did God give your family or church?

5. APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP: Acts 4:32-37

- A. _____! See Psalm 133!
- B. Biblical _____ See Malachi 3:8-12
- C. Extravagant _____
- D. _____-backed witnessing (see Mark 16:20)
- E. Great _____! (vs. 33)

What do you think “*great grace upon them all*” looked like?

2 Thessalonians 3:10: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

6. Seven AMAZING THINGS!

- 1) _____ more put their _____ in Jesus!
- 2) Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached with _____!
- 3) Peter got to preach to the _____ and _____ Leaders.
- 4) The Miracle was _____!
- 5) The enemies of Jesus were left _____ and _____!
- 6) The whole congregation was _____ and filled with _____!
2 Timothy 1:7
- 7) God is _____ and _____!