

Calvary Family Night

Personal Growth Elective

September 2011 thru May 2011

Lesson 12 Peter Confronts the Sanhedrin Acts 3:1-26, 4:1-22, 5:17-42

Day 1 From last week's lecture, what thoughts were new and challenging to you?

What was most striking to you about the Holy Spirit's role in the first days of the church?

Day 2 Read Acts 3:1-11

What was the beggar hoping to receive? What are more valuable gifts than this?
What is the most valuable gift of all? (refer to Matthew 13:44-46 and Matthew 16:26-27)

Take time to reflect and consider faith in this story. What role did it play for all involved?

Day 3 Read Acts 3:12-26

What was the purpose of Peter's accusations of the people in Acts 3:13-15?
Was he judging them? Explain the reason for the position you take.

What hope did Peter give to the people and what were the results in Acts 4:4?
How would you use this passage to explain this hope to a loved one who does not know Jesus?

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Day 4 Acts 4:1-22

Why were the Sanhedrin so concerned over whose name the apostles healed and preached by?

Based on Acts 4:12, why is the name of Jesus so important?

Based on Philippians 2:5-11, what impact will this name have on all who have ever lived and why?

Day 5 Read Acts 5:17-42

Summarize what Gamaliel had to say. What actions did the Sanhedrin take showing they agreed with this? What actions showed they did not totally agree with it?

Today commit to memorizing one of the following verses: Acts 5:29 or Galatians 2:20

- Write the verse on a small piece of paper and place it in your pocket
- Repeat it while driving, before meals, and before bed
- Share it with some one at work and at home
- Repeat it until you can say it without looking at the paper

Day 6 Skim Acts 4:1-22 and Acts 5:17-42 again

In the debates between the Sanhedrin and apostles who was more qualified to win and why? List the reasons why the apostles prevailed. Which of these are true for you?

Where are you currently experiencing suffering in your life? Have your group pray that you might be able to rejoice, as the disciples did, in the good God will use it for (Romans 8:28).