

Small Group Study Guide, Week of January 4, 2026

Acts 4:13-21, "The Greatest Treasure," Pastor Jake Sizemore

Ice Breaker: When have you found it necessary to disobey civil authority for ethical reasons? What was the outcome?

Dig:

1. For context, briefly review Acts 3:1-4:11 then read the passage for this week, Acts 4:12-21. What, specifically, had Peter and John done to get into trouble with the Jewish authorities?
2. What things about Peter and John made it difficult to just dismiss their claims? What things about the healed man made it difficult? Why?
3. Since the Jewish authorities could not deny Peter and John had "done an outstanding miracle," why did the leaders treat Peter and John the way they did?

Apply:

4. Reflect on your answer to #3; what lessons do you take away for how your own testimony may impact others? What will you do about that?
5. How has knowing Jesus shaped your character such that people will notice you have "been with Jesus" (4:13)?

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