

Small Group Study Guide, Week of December 28, 2025

Acts 4:1-12, "The Consequences," Jason McCollum

Ice Breaker: Looking back, what "act of kindness" from an unsuspected source was redemptive in your formative years?

Dig:

1. For context, read Acts 3:1-16. What are the facts of the miracle that got Peter and John into trouble with the authorities in 4:1-12? What are the key elements of their teaching that got them into trouble? Why?
2. Who all is in attendance when Peter presents his defense? What question did they ask? Does the question sound more like curiosity or intimidation to you? Why?
3. In Peter's defense, list the statements he makes regarding Jesus Christ. Why does saying each to this audience require a Spirit-given boldness?

Apply:

4. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how sure are you of Peter's statement in verse 12? What has built your assurance the most? What doubts linger? Why?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)