

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

6/15/25

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- What would you say makes a “good church”? How would you describe that in 1-2 sentences?
- What are the greatest challenges the church currently faces? How can they be overcome?
- **Read Acts 4:5-22.** Peter and John are in the same place where, some weeks earlier, Jesus was on trial and condemned by the Sanhedrin (**Luke 22:66-23:2**). They had every right to be scared. Why were they able to speak boldly (**v. 8**)?
- From Peter’s speech, what might have been offensive to the leaders?
- What do Peter and John say about themselves (**v. 18-20**)?
- **Read Acts 4:23-31.** How did the church respond to threats of the political elite?
- What does this passage reveal about prayer?
- How do your prayer habits compare to this model? What is present? What is missing?
- **Read Acts 4:32-37.** Besides for prayer, what other characteristics describe this church?
- With the power of God’s Spirit, what is one way you can align to this model?
- What might these challenges look like in our setting? What challenges do you foresee Southland Church (or your small group) facing?
- What would it look like for you (and the rest of the church) to respond to those challenges the way this first church did?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- What would you say makes a “good church”? How would you describe that in 1-2 sentences?
- Peter, after publicly healing a man, attracts a following because of the power of healing. **Read Acts 3:11-26**. In a couple of words, how would you describe the tone of Peter’s sermon?
- How would you summarize Peter’s message in this sermon in a sentence or two?
- The people looked at Peter and John’s faith as the source of the miracle they saw. But Peter pointed them to Christ. He said, “Don’t look at me. Look at Him and give Him praise.” We too should point people’s praise upwards. How well do you do this?
- Are you tempted to take credit for the good things your gifts and abilities bring? How can you remember to point your attention and the attention of others to Jesus?
- **Read Acts 4:1-4**. Some might say that Peter’s sermon was hard and offensive. How did people respond?
- How does his sermon show us what it looks like to be a faithful and effective witness?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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