

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ACTS 4:23-31

ACTIVE PRAYING: PERSECUTION

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Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Look at Acts 4:1-22. In what ways are the circumstances similar to (American) Christians today? In what ways are they different?
2. What is the root issue according to verse 27? What are some other issues that distract Christians from the main issue today?
3. In verses 23-24, the believers chose to pray. What are some other responses that we often choose when we face opposition instead of, or before, praying?

4. The prayer in verses 24-28 is grounded in scriptural truth. Does it matter if our prayers are grounded in biblical truth?

5. There is no thanksgiving for Peter & John's release in this prayer, nor do the believers pray for their own personal protection. What can we learn from these "omissions"?

6. According to verse 29, what is the Christian's primary need for witnessing? Do you agree?

III. Making it Personal

7. How have you been praying about the challenging "anti-Christian" cultural changes in our society? Should you change anything?
8. How willing are you to accept unpleasant consequences for your witness for Christ?
9. What stood out to you most from this week's study?

IV. Prayer