

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Acts 4:12**ACTS 4-1**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

"PERSECUTION, PRAYER AND POSSESSIONS"
READ Acts 4:1-37

DAY 1 READ ACTS 4:1-37

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson/lecture?
2. From today's reading, what benefits do you think are derived from . . .
 - a. persecution?
 - b. prayer?
 - c. possessions?

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 4:1-12

- 3.a. Why were the religious leaders greatly disturbed by the teaching of Peter and John?
 - b. According to Matthew 22:23, what did the Sadducees believe?
 - c. From Matthew 28:11-15, what might the chief priests fear from resurrection preaching?
- 4.a. In Acts 4:3, the religious leaders attempted to silence the apostles by doing what?
 - b. Nevertheless, the preaching was effective because _____
_____.
- 5.a. Knowing they would face an inquisition in the morning, what words of Jesus in Mark 13:11 would be of comfort to Peter and John?
 - b. Share a time when you relied on the Holy Spirit to give you the "right words."
- 6.a. Testifying before the religious leaders, what question was asked of Peter and John?

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 4:1-12

- 6.b. Peter, filled with _____, said he . . .
 . . . had performed (vs.9)

 . . . was powered by (vs.10)

 . . . had proof of that power because (vs.10)

 . . . declared Jesus was (vs.11)

 . . . would proclaim this message (vs.12)
7. Later Peter would affirm what to Christians in 1 Peter 1:5-6?

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 4:13-22

- 8.a. Ordinary men with courage – what do you think helps spiritual boldness?
- b. What promise can we claim from 2 Timothy 1:7?
- c. Please share an experience when this promise has brought growth in your life.
9. When the rulers conferred together, what was their dilemma in Acts 4:16?

 . . . in verse 21?
- 10.a. How did the Sanhedrin try to intimidate the apostles (vs.18)?
- b. What was the apostles' reaction?
- c. How does the world today try and intimidate the Christian's witness?
11. According to verse 22, the man who was healed was "over forty years old."
 Why do you think this was significant?

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 4:23-31

12. It's only a step from intimidation to persecution. As the church gathered to pray, what was their . . .
Adoration (vs.24)?

Confession (of God's plan in vs. 25-27)?

Thankful acknowledgement (vs.28)?

Supplication (vs.29-30)?

13. What do we know from Matthew 18:19-20?

14. How was their prayer answered?

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 4:32-37

- 15.a. "All the believers were _____."
b. What things keep Christians from having a spirit of unity?

c. Share what you think the church could do today to restore that ideal.

- 16.a. What was their attitude toward material possessions?

b. How were the needs of individuals in the community met?

- 17.a. What facts do we learn about Barnabas?

b. Do you know someone who is like Barnabas – an encourager who seeks to meet the needs of others? Share with your group and with that person how their witness has touched your life.

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