

**3. BOLD, SPIRIT-FILLED speaking of Salvation
in Jesus Alone (4:8, 4:12-13)**



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Acts 4:1-22

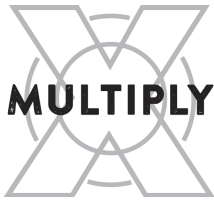
Sunday, November 6, 2016

Acts 4 is the next chapter in the unfolding story of how the disciples of Jesus gave themselves to the multiply mission of Jesus. Now, for the first time, opposition arises. Acts 4 reveals 4 marks of the Jerusalem Church . . . which are also apparent in the Empart Church Planting Movement our church supports. May these 4 marks also increasingly characterize our lives and Grace Central Coast!

**4. A Willingness to SUFFER for the ADVANCE
of the Gospel of Jesus (4:15-21)**

**1. A Laser Focus on the DISCIPLE-MAKING MISSION
of Jesus (3:15, 4:2)**

**2. A Passionate Commitment to combining WORKS and
WORDS in their witness for Jesus (4:8-10)**



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Connecting Together

As usual, we encourage you to take time to check in and share your lives with one another.

Studying God's Word Together

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message last week? What did you think or feel in response to the message?
2. In Sunday's message, we talked about the 2012 Lifeway survey. Where are you in relation to the survey? Have YOU shared Christ with anyone in the last 6 months? Have YOU invited anyone to church in the last 6 months? Have YOU prayed for anyone who doesn't yet know Christ in the last 6 months?
3. Why don't you share your faith more frequently?
4. We often think of the mission of Jesus in global terms, but rarely in local or personal terms. We might be committed to global missions, but not committed to personal evangelism. Why is that?

5. The early church was laser focused on the disciple-making mission of Jesus. How is that obvious in the text of Acts 4:1-22? What things crowd out the disciple-making mission of Jesus in our personal lives? In the life of the church?
6. Why are both works and words necessary for a vibrant, effective witness for Jesus? What was the "work" that Peter and John performed in Acts 3? When asked to explain that work, what "words" did they speak? What are "works" you are involved in as a witness for Jesus? Are you able and willing to explain those "works" with words about Jesus?
7. In Acts 4:8, when was Peter filled with the Holy Spirit and how should that encourage us?
8. Look closely at the message of Peter in Acts 4:8-12. What does he share about Jesus? Why is this offensive to his original audience and to contemporary audiences?
9. In chapter 4, Peter and John are arrested and threatened by the authorities. In chapter 5, they are arrested and beaten. Yet they still keep sharing their faith. What suffering might come our way if we begin to boldly share Jesus? Are YOU willing to suffer as a witness for Christ?

Prayer Together

As you pray for one another, pray that these 4 marks we see in the Jerusalem Church in Acts 4 would also increasingly mark our lives and church.