

Community Group questions

Icebreaker: Which do you like better: freedom or structure?

Understanding the passage

Read Acts 4:17-42

- Share some things you noticed from the passage or remembered from the sermon.
- Make a list of interesting details you found in the passage.
- Divide the passage into sections and find the main point of each?
- How does Peter's message (29-32) point us to the main idea of this passage? (Hint: look at how his message begins and ends.)

Taking stock of our lives

- What kind of pressures did the followers of Jesus feel from the Sadducees?
- Do we feel similar pressures today? If so, how?
- What drove the Sadducees to arrest the apostles (17)?
- How does jealousy work and why is it so powerful (33)?
- What are key areas we struggle with jealousy?
- How do we fight jealousy?

Applying the Bible to our lives

- What does Peter mean when he says, "We must obey God, rather than men."?
- How do we face this dilemma – obeying God or men?
- How do we know we are obeying God? Give examples.
- How do we know we are obeying God, and not just do what we want?
- Are there ways we can use the Bible to lead us away from doing what it actually says? Give examples.