



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion
guide



Never Gonna Stop

Introduction: Peter and John are arrested for preaching the resurrection of Jesus. They are brought before trial and warned to not preach in the name Jesus. They refuse to obey man over God and boldly declare that they cannot NOT proclaim the good news of Jesus!

Text: Acts 4:5-31

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: When have you ever been in a situation where you had to take a stand for something you believed in?
2. The Sanhedrin Court was the highest official legal court in Jewish faith. Annas served as High Priest along with 5 sons, 1 grandson, and his son-in-law, Caiaphas who was the current High Priest. It was Annas and Caiaphas who were instrumental in the crucifixion of Jesus. Peter and John now stand before the two most powerful men who had the authority to deliver punishment. Discuss/Write about the pressure they faced with this trial? How would you feel if you stood before the Supreme Court in defense of your faith (knowing that you could be sentenced to prison)? How were Peter and John able to be so bold in their statements before the court?
3. What astonished the court about Peter and John?
4. What are some ways that can help you develop a bold witness for Christ?
5. Have you ever been made fun of for your faith? Discuss/Write
6. What would you do if your boss, teacher, etc. told you to stop talking to others about Jesus? How would you answer and what would you do?
7. What did Peter and John do after they were released? How does this help us in handling conflict in our lives?
8. How did they begin their prayer and why is that important?
9. What did the church pray for? Why is it important to note their request?
10. When have you had to have extra boldness to take a stand for your faith in Jesus?

Think About it:

Jesus prepared the disciples for persecution. He told them what to expect. He gave them the promise that the Holy Spirit would empower them and that He would not leave them or forsake them. Peter and John were empowered by the Holy Spirit to take a stand. Expect opposition when you live for Jesus and do not let that intimidate you. Allow the Holy Spirit to empower you to have the attitude—Never Gonna Stop!

Moving Forward:

Pray that the Lord will give you more boldness to witness for Christ. Talk to at least two people this week about Jesus. (Share your testimony, invite them to church, ask them if they have a relationship with Christ etc.) Break out of your comfort zone and allow the Holy Spirit to empower you to witness!