

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 15, 2016
Acts 4:18-31

1. What happened in the texts that we have studied over the last couple of weeks?
 - a. Peter and John healed the lame beggar.
 - b. Peter used this as an opportunity to bring glory to God and to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ.
 - c. Peter and John were arrested and put in jail.
 - d. The leaders of the Jews recognized the disciples' courage and took note that they were unschooled, ordinary men.

2. Read verses 18-22.
 - a. What did the Jewish leaders do in verse 18? _____

 - b. How did Peter and John respond, according to verse 19-20? _____

 - c. How do you respond when people tell you not to talk about Jesus? _____

 - d. Why didn't the Jewish leaders punish Peter and John, according to 4:21-22? _____

3. What is it about your words and actions that makes people pay attention? _____

4. What is the first thing that Peter and John do after their release?
 - a. They partied.
 - b. They prayed.

5. What were they praying for?
 - a. They prayed that they wouldn't be in that position again.
 - b. They prayed that God would deliver them from the evil leaders.
 - c. They prayed that the rulers would be struck down.
 - d. They recognized that they were not the first to encounter opposition, recognized that it was a part of God's plan, prayed that they would have boldness to speak no matter the consequences, and then prayed for miraculous signs and wonders to accredit them.

6. Did God hear their prayer? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

7. Hadn't God already filled the believers with the Spirit? What does this mean that all the believers were filled with his Spirit?
 - a. We can never be too full of the Holy Spirit so that God cannot give us more.
 - b. God often gives us a fresh anointing for specific instances and circumstances that we may be facing.
 - c. They must not have really been filled with the Spirit the first time.
 - d. The filling of the Spirit is a continual act in the life of the believer.