

Questions – September 27, 2020

Acts 4 & 5

1. When is the first time you remember praying?
Who taught you and what was the focus of your prayer?
2. When you pray, how do you picture God?
As a God in heaven, looking down?...as a God right beside you like a parent?...
Like a friend you are talking to?...maybe another picture?
3. If you had to explain prayer to someone who wasn't a believer, how would you describe what prayer is like and why you pray?
4. Read Acts 4:12...
 - Why would this have been so controversial and caused such a negative response that day?
 - Why is this so controversial and upsetting for many people today?

Read Acts 4:14-22

5. Who stood with Peter and John and why was his presence so powerful? How did it impact how things went for Peter and John?
6. Looking at verse 19, why was Peter and John's response so perfect? How do you think it impacted how the Religious Leaders responded to them?

Read Acts 4:23-31

7. If you were part of the group that day, how do you think you would be feeling when Peter & John described what happened?
8. Do you think your prayer would have been different than what we see they prayed?
 - In what way would your prayer have been different & Why do you think many of us would have prayed differently than they did?
9. When you hear the word 'boldness', who or what comes to mind for you?
10. Why do you think many of us don't pray for boldness more often?

Read Acts 4:32-35, 5:12-18

11. What was the result of their prayer for boldness?

12. According to these verses, what was true of ALL the believers in 4:32-35, but was NOT true of ALL believers in 5:13?

-Why would some of them have responded differently in the second passage?

13. What do we know about God that should allow us to pray with boldness, and free us to expect and anticipate amazing results when we do pray for boldness?

14. What is one thing you would like to ask God to give you the strength and courage to pray in boldness for?