

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 9/14/14

Behind the Name *Acts 4:1-22*

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013/2014 Annual Focus: Embracing the Spirit's empowerment to share the Gospel of Christ's death and resurrection more boldly.

Announcements: (1) Counselor training begins 9/14 at 6pm, (2) Men's retreat, Friday, October 3-5, and (3) 25th Anniversary Celebration Service 10/19 at 10:30am.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *To show that Jesus is the only name (person) that has the power to heal, save, and therefore must be proclaimed to the world!*

Ice Breaker: Share how you chose your children's names? (For SGs with mostly singles, you could discuss the meaning of everyone's names)

Read Acts 4:1-4: What amazes you when you read that 2,000 men believed? What implications does that have as we share our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus' Name Heals: 4:5-10: What does the Holy Spirit do in this passage? What significance does that have for you & I? Why is Peter so concerned with the name of Jesus?

Jesus' Name Saves: 4:11-12: Have you ever struggled with the exclusivity of verse 12? What does this mean for the necessity of evangelism and missions? What is your role?

Jesus' Name Proclaimed: 4:13-22: What strikes you about Peter & John's boldness under trial? How does one tap into this type of boldness? Where are you tempted to not speak or teach in the name of Jesus? How does the simplicity of Peter's witnessing "model" encourage you (simply speak of what you have seen & heard)?

What is one, practical takeaway from this passage for you?