**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 4**

**Acts 4:1-37**

**October 8, 2020**

1. What did you learn about healing and blessing in last week’s lesson/lecture?

2. a. Why were the religious leaders greatly disturbed by Peter and John’s teaching?

b. According to Matthew 22:23, what did the Sadducees believe?

c. From Matthew 28:11-15, what might the chief priests fear from resurrection preaching?

3. a. In Acts 4:3, the religious leaders attempted to silence the apostles by doing what?

b. Nevertheless, the preaching was effective because

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4. a. Knowing they would face an inquisition in the morning, what words of Jesus in Mark 13:11 would be of comfort to Peter and John?

b. Share a time when you relied on the Holy Spirit to give you the “right words.”

5. Testifying before the religious leaders, Peter said he

. . . had performed (vs. 9)

. . . was powered by (vs. 10)

. . . had proof because (vs. 10)

. . . would proclaim this message (vs. 12)

6. a. Ordinary men with courage – what do you think helps spiritual boldness?

b. What promise can we claim from 2 Timothy 1:7?

c. Please share an experience when this promise has brought growth in your life.

7. When the rulers conferred together, what was their dilemma in verse 16?

. . . in verse 21?

8. a. How did the Sanhedrin try to intimidate the apostles (vs. 18)?

b. What was Peter’s reaction?

c. How does the world today try and intimidate the Christian’s witness?

9. According to verse 22, the man who was healed was “over 40.” Why do you think this was significant?

10. It’s only a step from intimidation to persecution. As the church gathered to pray, what was their . . .

Adoration (vs. 24)?

Confession (of God’s plan in vs. 25-27)?

Thanksgiving (vs. 29, 30)?

Supplication (vs. 29, 30)?

11. How was their prayer answered?

12. a. All the believers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. What things keep Christians from being of one heart and mind?

c. Share what you think the church could do today to restore that ideal.

13. a. How were the needs of individuals in the community met?

b. What was their attitude toward material possessions?

14. What do you think marks the difference between the communist philosophy of the “people holding all things in common,” and the believers sharing their possessions?

15. a. What facts do we learn about Barnabas?

b. Do you know someone who is like Barnabas – an encourager who seeks to meet the needs of others? Share with your group and with that person how their witness has touched your life.