

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of November 3, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** The Church faces its first real persecution and Peter and John are forced to choose which authority they will obey.

**This Week's Text:** Acts 4:1-22

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

**Romans 10:14-15**

*"A soul habitually in contact with Jesus will imbibe sweetness from him, just as garments laid away in a drawer with some perfume absorb fragrance from that beside which they lie." Alexander Maclaren*

**Related Texts:** Matthew 26:26-28, John 14:6

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- Discuss the context of this passage. Consider chapter 3 and the intimidating factor of the religious leaders.
- Who are the characters involved? What seems to be their main concern?
- What do we learn about unbelief from the reaction of the Sadducees, rulers, elders, and teachers of the law in contrast to the reaction of the people?
- How do Peter and John react to the situation they are in? What new things do they tell us about Jesus?
- What does verse 8 tell us about the Holy Spirit's filling?
- Discuss the implications of Jesus' teaching, His work on the cross and the claim that He is the only way of salvation.

- What are some problems with the truth claim that all religions are the same?
- How do we try and be our own lord and savior? What do other religions teach about salvation? What does the gospel tell us about our salvation?
- Was there ever a time in your life when you spoke the truth in a situation similar to the one Peter was in when there was a distinct possibility that it was not going to be well-received?
- What does it take for us to be bold and courageous without becoming arrogant when we declare the gospel?
- Why are the apostles unwilling to stop talking about Jesus? What are some things that we love to talk about?
- What are some of the reasons why the people of God are afraid to witness?

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- We were once blind to the truth of the gospel yet God loved and pursued us.
- The gospel brings humility and courage because of truth and grace.
- It's all about Jesus. Rehearse the gospel to yourself and demonstrate it and declare it to others.

### **Prayer Focus:**

- Pray for opportunities to witness to others concerning the person and work of Jesus.

**Next Week's Text:** Acts 4:23-35