

# BETHEL SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Acts 4:1-22 – 10/29/23

## STOP AND PRAY

*Holy Spirit, open my heart and my mind to Your truth today! Then help me to be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer only!*

- 1) How does it feel when something doesn't go according to plan? How do you react when plans you've made are interrupted or changed? Why?

Read Acts 4:1–7

- 2) How did the priests and temple officials react to the message that Peter gave? How did the message of Jesus challenge their plans for Israel?

- 3) Why is it important that Luke tells us that even when Peter and John were arrested, many people who heard believed? (vv. 3–4)

Read Acts 4:8–12

- 4) What happens to strengthen Peter to speak so boldly to the council before him? How should this encourage us in our walk with God?

- 5) How can we be sure that God's plan and call for us doesn't ruin our plans, but restores us through Jesus?

Read Acts 4:13–22

- 6) How do the Sadducees respond to Peter's call, and his refusal to stay quiet about the gospel? What does this tell us about God's work? (vv. 21–22)

- 7) What stops you from giving your plans, aspirations, and future over to God completely? How can we as a small group help each other in pursuing this?

*Take time to pray for each other.*

Use this prayer as the theme of your prayer time: *"Father in Heaven, your way and your plan are far better than my own. God as I walk with you throughout this week, and my entire life, help me to lay my plans down at your feet, and trust that your plan and calling for me will not ruin me, but will bring a restoration and salvation I cannot find anywhere else"*