

# Week 2

## Discussion Group Questions

*His Kingdom Comes... in Power*  
*Acts 2*



1. \*What impacted you from last week's message?
2. \*What do you learn about God in this chapter? Specifically, thinking of His role in the church.
3. \*How does the ministry of the Holy Spirit impact your life today?
4. \*From verses 14-21, how does Peter explain these events? What promise is given to the hearers in these verses?
5. \*In verse 22 Peter moves from explaining the situation to his main topic, the Gospel. How would you summarize the main thoughts of verses 22-24?
6. \*From verse 37, what does it mean to be cut to the heart? And what caused this reaction?
7. \*Using verses 38-39, how would you explain the gospel and the response it requires to a person who does not know Jesus as Savior?
8. \*From verses 42-47:
  - a. How did the early church believers spend their days?
  - b. What elements of the early church do you see continuing in the modern church?
9. \*In Acts 2:42-47 we learned about the attitudes and actions of the early church. What can you do to be more of an Acts 2 church member?



# Week 2 Listening Guide

*His Kingdom Comes...In Boldness*  
*Acts 3-4:31*



1. Stay close to Jesus and be \_\_\_\_\_ for Him. It impacts what \_\_\_\_\_ to you...truth over \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. (4:1-12)

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2. Stay close to Jesus and be bold for Him. It impacts the way \_\_\_\_\_ see you...and the way you see \_\_\_\_\_. (4:13-22)

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# Week 2 Homework

*His Kingdom Comes...In Boldness*  
*Acts 3-4:31*



## Day One

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**PRAY:** As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to give you insight into this passage that you never saw before, and ask for guidance in how you can apply it to your life.

**MEMORIZE:** Please write Acts 4:12 on the following lines, and repeat it several times, emphasizing a different word each time.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**STUDY:** Today we'll get an overview of this week's passage, Acts 3-4:31. As you read today's overview, please be looking for the things we don't normally see happening today. Try to reason through why God may be handling things differently today than He did back then. Please also look for evidence of His authority and reasons for why He is worthy of our worship. Consider Peter when he speaks. This is the same man who just a few months earlier denied three times that he knew Jesus. Please consider what God is accomplishing during this time. And now, let's read Acts 3-4:31 and answer the following ~

1. What phrases or situations catch your attention from this passage?

2. \*Please give a summary statement of each section of the passage.

a. Acts 3:1-10

b. Acts 3:11-26

c. Acts 4:1-22

d. Acts 4:23-31

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3. What does this passage tell you about God’s authority and the unity of believers, the Church?

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Please close this time in prayer. Tell the Lord one thing you learned about Him today and how you’ll allow that to impact your life.

### *Day Two*

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**PRAY:** Ephesians 3:20 says that God is “able to do far more than we ask or think.” Ask the Lord to open your eyes today to see a bigger picture of His plan for your life.

**MEMORIZE:** Please unscramble the words to Acts 4:12.

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**STUDY:** Sometimes we have our own thoughts of what we need, but God is able to do much more. In today’s passage, we’ll read of a man whose life was forever changed beyond his wildest imaginations. What do you think God wants to do in your life? Whatever you think it is, God will do more. Please read Acts 3:1-10 and answer the following ~

1. According to vs. 1-3

a. Please describe the man who Peter and John talked with. Please also note what Acts 4:22 says about him.

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b. \*What do you think his attitude about himself would be after all these years?

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c. How do you think he viewed people?

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2. \*What did Peter's offer to the man show about our desires vs. what God is ready to give to us?

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3. How did the man respond when he received what God had for him?

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4. \*How do you think this impacted his view of ~

a. Himself?

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b. Other people?

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c. The Lord?

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5. Please describe how this passage displays the truth of Ephesians 3:20-21.

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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As you close this time in prayer, please note that Ephesians 3:21 says, “throughout all generations,” which includes today's generation. Please tell the Lord how you have seen Him do more than you could ask or think in your life as well as where you might be looking for Him to do that now.

### *Day Three*

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**PRAY:** As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to show you the value of your faith and the incredible truth of His faithfulness.

**MEMORIZE:** Please fill in the blanks to complete Acts 4:12.

And there is \_\_\_\_\_ in no one \_\_\_\_\_, for there is \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven given \_\_\_\_\_ men by which we must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**STUDY:** Today we'll read Acts 3:11-26. As you read, please look for elements of faith, and notice how the Lord's answers are so much more than we could hope for.

1. Please list the wrongs that Peter confronted the Israelites with in vs. 12-15.

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2. How do we deny Jesus in our own lives today?

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3. If it was your family member being denied, accused, and murdered, how would you respond?

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4. \*What hope does Peter give the people in vs. 19-20? What does this tell you about the character of God?

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5. According to vs. 16-17, what is the importance of faith? What might God want to restore in your life through faith in Him?

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6. \*What do you see in today's passage about God's ~

a. Sovereignty?

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b. Wisdom?

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c. Goodness?

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Please close this time in prayer. Tell the Lord any area of your life that you need to grow in faith.



## Day Four

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**PRAY:** As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to show you the difference between boldness and arrogance.

**MEMORIZE:** Please fill in the blanks to complete Acts 4:12.

\_\_\_\_\_ there is \_\_\_\_\_ in no one \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_ given \_\_\_\_\_ men by \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**STUDY:** Today we'll see the first act of persecution against the new Church, which didn't stop the Church from growing. As we study Acts 4:1-12, notice that at least 5000 people were saved! Please look for the boldness displayed in Peter and the reason for his confidence.

1. Please list all the people who confronted Peter and John (see vs. 1, 5, and 6). Why do you think they sent so many leaders to confront Peter and John?

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2. What would your natural response be when confronted by so many authorities after being held in jail over night?

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3. \*Remember, Peter had denied Jesus three times on the night He was arrested. What evidence do you see of Peter's boldness in this passage, and what happened to instill such boldness in him?

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4. \*Please compare the boldness of Peter with the authorities who confronted him. What was the difference in their motivation?

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5. Please summarize in your own words what Peter said to the rulers in vs. 9-12.

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Please close this time in prayer, and tell the Lord what you understand about boldness vs. arrogance.

## *Day Five*

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**PRAY:** Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to give you deeper insight into His authority in your life and His authority over the leaders of this world.

**MEMORIZE:** Please write out Acts 4:12 from memory.

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What is one thing about this memory verse that impacts your understanding of God?

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**STUDY:** In John 12:42-43, John told of how many people believed in Jesus, but they were too afraid of the Pharisees to confess it. For “they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.” Today we get to see a different response and be encouraged to take our stand for Jesus and for His truth and grace. Please read Acts 4:13-31 to answer the following questions ~

Vs. 13-22 ~

1. Why were the leaders confused by Peter and John, and what was their conclusion for this?

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2. Please list the ways the leaders tried to intimidate Peter and John.

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3. \*What does Peter and John’s response to the leaders tell you about their faith in God’s authority vs. their view of the leaders’ authority?

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Vs. 23-31 ~

4. \*After being threatened by the rulers, knowing what could come, please consider what the believers prayed for. How might they have prayed if they were praying from a heart of ~

a. Fear?

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b. Anger?

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c. Foolishness?

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d. Despair?

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5. \*What did the believers pray for, and what does that tell you about their faith in God's sovereignty, wisdom, and goodness?

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As you close this time in prayer, please tell the Lord where your heart needs to grow in humble boldness rather than fear, anger, foolishness, or despair.

