

The Problem (Acts 4:1-22)

1. Peter and John ...
 - 4:3 - seized and imprisoned
 - 4:18 – commanded to not speak in Jesus’ name
2. God’s great _____ is revealed in our great _____
 - “In this world you _____ have trouble.” – John 16:33
 - “The world _____ you.” – John 15:19

The People (Acts 4:23)

1. There’s a _____
2. Do you have your “_____”?
 - Ephesians 3:18...

The Prayer (Acts 4:24-30)

1. Acknowledge God’s _____ (v. 24)
2. Rely on God’s _____ (v. 25-26)
 - Psalm 2 – encouragement and perspective
3. Agree with God’s _____ (v. 27-28)
4. Ask for God’s _____ (v. 29-30)
 - Power for what _____ can do
“enable us to *continue* speaking Your Word boldly”
 - Power for what only _____ can do
“*while stretching* out Your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Jesus”

The Power (Acts 4:31)

1. “they were _____ filled with the Holy Spirit and *continued to speak* the Word of God boldly”
2. This filling of the Holy Spirit empowers my _____ for the Father’s glory

For home groups and further discussion

1. What problems have you been avoiding? How might God show His power if you face these problems?
2. How is your community of people (“your own people”) pointing you to Jesus? How are you offering this to others?

3. Read and reflect on Colossians 4: What's the connection between proclaiming the Word of God boldly and "being wise in the way you act toward outsiders"?
4. Take the prayer of Acts 4:24-30 and write it out using your own situation and wording. Give the prayer to "your own people" and ask them to pray it over you.
5. Are you resisting the Holy Spirit by not proclaiming Jesus to someone you know? If so, repent and ask the Lord for boldness and the stretching out of His hand.