



Ignite | God's Plan to change the World

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Ignite COURAGE

Following Christ when it costs – requires courage

[Acts 3]

Courage to humbly minister

The world needs more than our _____

We need to be willing to _____

We need to _____ all the glory back to God

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. Acts 3:12-13a (NIV)

Courage to speak the TRUTH in LOVE

The name of _____ should always be on our lips

His _____

His death

His burial

His _____

[Acts 4]

Courage under fire

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

Acts 4:2-3 (NIV)

The name of Jesus and his claims are often _____

We do have an enemy

Courage Rewarded

But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand. Acts 4:4 (NIV)

_____ the power of the Holy Spirit

Being _____ with Jesus Christ

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 (NIV)

May it be said of us _____ (v.13)

Multiplied impact

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[Study Questions for 8.24.08]

Have a few different groups recount the story (found in Acts 3 & 4) from memory. It's OK for others to add details during the retelling of the account.

1. Do you believe miracles still happen today? Why or why not?
2. How did Peter and John respond to the accolades "the buzz" regarding the healing of the lifelong crippled man? What does that teach us regarding how we are to serve?
3. Read v. 19 several times. What does it look like to have times of refreshing *because* of Jesus?
4. What were Peter and John arrested for? Could you be accused of the same thing?
*-this is a good thing.
5. How many times can someone be filled with the Holy Spirit? See Galatians 5:18
6. What should every Christ follower want to be known for? Read v.13
7. What kind of impact can you have on others by simply following and obeying what God has asked you to do?

Pray right now for each other. Pray that you would be filled with the Holy Spirit and with courage to follow Christ this week.