

“Born into Persecution”
Acts 4:1-22
Series: *In Search of Church*
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It's better to be hated for good deeds in the name of Jesus and the Gospel than to remain silent.

1. IN TROUBLE FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING (v. 1-7)

2. THE AUTHORITIES COULDN'T BELIEVE IT (v. 8-17)

3. BUT THE TRUTH CAN'T BE CONTAINED (v. 18-22)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 4:23-31

ABF/Small Group Guide

1. READ: Acts 4:1-22
2. Who were the parties that were upset with the Apostles?
3. What were they upset about?
4. On what grounds did they arrest Peter and John?
5. What truth were the religious rulers looking to discover?
6. Summarize Peter's defense from verses 8-12, point for point, in your own words.
7. How does Peter's sermon strike you given his life-circumstances?
8. How did the religious leaders respond?
9. What should a Christian do when authorities oppose ministering the Gospel?
10. Where is the line between civil disobedience and outright rebellion for Christians?
11. Hypothetically, would you respond in the same way as the disciples did? Why or why not?
12. This is only the beginning of persecution for the church. How does the church experience persecution today?
13. Take time to pray for believers around the world.