



Leader's Guide

Week of April 2

Leader Check-In

Leaders,
It's been a great season so far with our Life Groups! By way of reminder: this is our last week of Life Groups! We are taking a two-week break. I won't be writing one of these Life Group Guides for two weeks, so if you choose to meet you'll have to find your own arrangements. I can't thank you enough for your service to the members of this church by opening up your homes/schedules to lead and disciple others for the sake of Christ and the world. Enjoy Easter – HE IS RISEN! I'll be making another Life Group Guide in a couple weeks.

In Him,
Cameron Tate

The Big Idea

God does his best work when the floodwaters of opposition are on the rise.

Getting Started

1. What are some parallels you see between the 1st century and the 21st century Christianity?
***Leader's Note:** There are some notable similarities. It is becoming increasingly less popular to be Christian in the West. Ultimately, Christianity has "lost its home court advantage" in the West.
 2. What opposition have you faced in spreading the Gospel?
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Digging In

1. Read **Acts 4:1-4**. What is Peter's message here focused on? What are the negative results of Peter's proclamation of the Gospel? What are the positive results?

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2. Read **Acts 4:5-18**. What decision did Peter and John face (**v.18**)? What were their options? What options are we faced with today?

***Leader's Note:** They were told not to speak in the name of Jesus. They could have heeded that warning and quenched the Spirit, or they could have continued on in Jesus' name. We are faced with issues in our culture of maintaining the exclusive claims of the Bible and the Christian faith.

3. Read **Acts 4:19-22**. What led Peter and John to boldly disobey the elders and teachers?

***Leader's Note:** They were filled with the Spirit and felt compelled to obey God rather than humans. They were also emboldened by the power of the Spirit to perform miracles.

Looking Around

1. What issue(s) have you faced the most pressure to deny the truth of Christ and his word?

***Leader's Note:** For most these are issues of human sexuality, exclusivity of belief in Christ, care for refugees/immigrants/homeless, etc.

2. How can you encourage one another as you face the floodwaters of opposition to the Gospel?

Pray

Pray for any things you might face over the next couple weeks as you take a short break to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord!