



ACTS 4 - WEEK 1 | MEN LIFE GROUP

FRUITFULNESS UNDER PRESSURE

Faithful Men Remain, Witness, and Trust God for Fruit

PARTICIPATION GUIDE | ACTS 4:1-4 (KJV) | 50 MINUTES

BIG IDEA Pressure can restrain the messenger, but it cannot stop the Gospel. As believers remain faithful to Jesus, God continues to produce fruit and give the increase.

GROUP LENS Faithful men do not measure obedience by comfort. They remain aligned with Christ, witness with courage, and trust God for the increase at home, work, church, and in the community.

Reconnect Acts 3

- A man was healed and a crowd gathered.
- Peter gave Jesus the glory.
- Peter called the people to repent and receive refreshing.
- Acts 4 begins while Peter and John are still speaking.

Before We Begin

Where are men most tempted to become silent because speaking faithfully may cost something?

You may participate by reading, speaking, writing, or listening. Share only what is appropriate; personal disclosure is never required.



Men Life Group - Read and Respond

Whole-Chapter Reading Tracker - Acts 4:1-37

MOVEMENT	VERSES	WHAT I NOTICE
Fruitfulness Under Pressure	1-4	
Salvation in No Other Name	5-12	
They Had Been with Jesus	13-22	
Praying for Boldness	23-31	
One Heart, One Soul	32-37	

Focus Text - Acts 4:1-4 (KJV)

Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Acts 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 4:3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

ANCHOR VERSE Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. - Acts 4:4 (KJV)



Observe, Reflect, Respond

1. Opposition came from several directions

Who came upon Peter and John, and what did each group represent?

2. Resurrection preaching provoked resistance

Why did proclaiming resurrection through Jesus trouble these leaders?

3. They could hold the messengers - not the message

Where are you tempted to confuse pressure with failure?

4. "Howbeit" changes the direction

What evidence of God's work appears even while Peter and John are restrained?

GROUP ACTIVITY Pressure-to-Purpose Map: Name one pressure you face, the fear it exposes, the truth of Christ that answers it, and one faithful action you will take.

KINGDOM CHALLENGE Read Acts 4:1-4 again. Remain connected to Christ. Name Jesus clearly and humbly. Trust God to give the increase.

NEXT WEEK September 2 - Acts 4:5-12 - Salvation in No Other Name