

THE BOOK OF ACTS

A CROSSPOINT CITY
SERMON SERIES

DISCUSSION GUIDE WK 9: No Other Name

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He’s still doing today.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

In Acts 4:1-12, Peter and John are arrested by the religious leaders for teaching the people about Jesus and His resurrection. Despite the opposition, Peter boldly proclaims that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus Christ, emphasizing that He is the cornerstone rejected by the builders.

THE BIG IDEA

There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved but the name of Jesus.

ICE BREAKER

Everyone answer one or both of the following questions. Have fun!

1. If you could have a “stage name” what would you want it to be? (A stage name is a name an actor or famous person goes by but it’s not their real name.)
2. If you could change your name to a Biblical name what would be and why?

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 9** of your ACTS Journal.)

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read Acts 4:1-12 as a group.

Context matters! How do the events in Ch. 3 set up Ch. 4:1-12, concerning the religious authorities' actions/reactions, Peter's teaching and the response of the people?

Compare what happens in verses 1-4 with Jesus' words to the apostles in Luke 21:12-14. Do you think Peter, John and the other disciples thought about Jesus' words in this situation? How do Jesus' words bring you peace and how do they build your faith?

How was the apostle's response to being arrested similar to Jesus' response on His way to the Cross? How is Christian culture's response to opposition today different from the apostles response? How does expecting opposition like the apostles did help us not retaliate?

Acts 4:5-7 gives us a picture of what intimidation looked like for 1st century Christians. What does it look like for us to not be intimidated by authority yet not retaliate or be disrespectful? Share an example in your own life.

As you read through verses 8-12, what words or phrases stand out to you? What verse or phrase would probably have been the most offensive and blasphemous to the religious leaders and for our culture today?

Discussion continued: Notice how Peter didn't retaliate or intimidate but with power through the Holy Spirit he made a declaration. In your own words, what did Peter declare in verses 8-12?

How is Christianity both exclusive and inclusive? How does John 14:6 play a role in your answer?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer (together as a group)

Jesus, we lift your name above all names and all authorities. Holy Spirit fill us with your power and words to declare the name of Jesus, especially when people of authority try to intimidate us. May we not retaliate but instead give the reason for our peace and strength and that is you Jesus. Thank you for your finished work on the cross Jesus. Amen



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