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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: What's the meaning of your name?

Read: Acts 4:1-35

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What evidence of God's power do you see throughout Acts 4?
- Jesus Christ is Problematic (Acts 4:1–10)
 - Why did the religious leaders view Jesus (and His followers) as a problem?
 - What made Peter and John's message so threatening to those in power?
 - How does the name of Jesus still create tension or opposition in today's culture?
 - How did Peter respond when confronted (v.8-10), and what can we learn from his response?
 - When have you been tempted to stay silent about your faith to avoid conflict? What would it look like to respond boldly like Peter?
- Jesus Christ is Undeniable (Acts 4:11–18)
 - What does Peter mean in v.11 when he calls Jesus "the stone you builders rejected"?
 - What made the miracle and message impossible for the leaders to deny?
 - Why did the authorities focus on suppressing the message instead of accepting its truth?
 - Why can it sometimes be easier to acknowledge Jesus privately but not publicly?
 - How can your life serve as visible proof of God's work to others?
- Jesus Christ is the Name Above All Names (Acts 4:19–22)
 - Why did Peter and John choose to obey God rather than human authority?
 - How do we discern when to stand firm in faith versus when to submit to authority?
 - Are there areas in your life where you're prioritizing human approval over obedience to God?
- Closing Thoughts: Jesus Christ is Contagious (Acts 4:32–35)
 - What characteristics defined the early church community?
 - Why do you think their lifestyle was contagious and attracted others?
 - How can your community/group better reflect unity and generosity?
 - What is one action step you will take this week based on what you've learned?

