LIFE Group Guide

Act 1-Story 7
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THE ORCHARD

Read: Acts 4:1-31

Outline:

The Trial
- Audience: Annas, Caiaphas, the high council (70+), and temple guards
- Witnesses are called: The leaping beggar, John the beloved, and Peter the denier.
- Additional witness: The Holy Spirit
- Location: The courtyard of Christ's condemnation

The Testimony of Believers
- The bold proclamation of Christ
- The prophecy fulfilled (psalm 118)
- The bold exclusive invitation to everyone under heaven

The Aftermath
- The demand for silence
- The bold refusal
- The threat of punishment

The Relentless Mission
- The prayer of praise
- The prayer for boldness

Discussion Questions

1. What was something from the passage/message that led you to think, feel, or act biblically?
2. How does this passage connect with our lives today?
3. How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
4. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will give you words to say? Also, how encouraging is it to know that God will speak through you?
5. What would boldness in sharing the gospel look like in your life right now? For example, who in your life right now, if you shared the gospel with them, would not respond well, or it would be a confrontation?
6. When might be the right time to disagree with authority on living out your faith? When might be a wise time to agree with authority when it come to sharing the gospel?