
Witness Unhindered:
“There is No Other Name”
Acts 4:1-31

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

“Christianity is a religion of salvation, and the fact is that there is nothing in any of the non-Christian religions to compare with this message of a God who loved, and came after, and died for, a world of lost sinners.”

— John Stott, *Basic Christianity*

“The gospel is not a preference. It’s not another piece of flair we add to our vest. It’s something far more beautiful and disturbing. The gospel is the power to raise the dead, to proclaim the greatness of God in a fallen and confused world.”

— Alan Noble, *Disruptive Witness: Speaking Truth in a Distracted Age*

"It's time to see what I can do / To test the limits and break through / No right, no wrong, no rules for me / I'm free!"

— Elsa, "Let it Go," *Frozen*

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

- Do any of the quotes above provoke thoughts for discussion?
- After reading through the passage together, ask your group what makes an impression upon them from the passage and why it strikes them.
- What are some things that stood in the way of the religious leaders trusting in “the name”? Who or what are some other “names” in our time and culture that draw us away from Jesus?
- Have you experienced any resistance to Jesus, Christianity, the Bible, etc., at work, school, amongst family members, or in the community? What did that look like? How did you react/respond? What are some things you learned from that experience?
- It seems like many Christians either don’t *want* to talk about Jesus (because of fear or indifference), don’t know *how* to talk about Jesus (due to lack of knowledge or training), or they do talk about Jesus but in a way that comes across as arrogance. What are some ways we can boldly communicate the message of Jesus without being a jerk? How can we cultivate a “winsome” approach to personal evangelism?
- Are there any questions or doubts that you are wrestling with after having heard the sermon and read the passage?