



It's WHO We Are

Acts 4:7-21

Growth Group Discussion Questions for October 8, 2017

Getting Started:

- 1) What is the one topic that could keep you up all night talking about?

- 2) **Read** Acts 4:7-21.
 - What did the religious leaders notice about Peter and John?
 - Their powerful, persuasive message
 - Their courage
 - Their impressive credentials and schooling
 - They had been with Jesus

 - How do you recognize that someone has been with Jesus? What is it about them that clues you in?

 - Our courage doesn't come out of striving or effort but out of surrender. What does that mean to you?

- 3) Whether we are aware of it or not, those who are far from God are watching us closely. Can you think of specific people who might be watching your life and character? If so, how do you feel about that?
 - Most of the time people want to know who we are before they are willing to hear what we say. For those watching you, do you think they are curious as to "what's your source?" Why or why not?

 - Peter maintained he couldn't help speaking out about what he had experienced in his relationship with Jesus. Part of being *with* Jesus includes engaging relationally with Him DAILY. What does that look like in your life?

Going Deeper:

4) **READ:** Matthew 3:16-4:11 – Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

- Out of what identity did Jesus live and who gave it to him?
- What did Satan try to make Jesus doubt in the wilderness? To whom did Jesus continually point to during this test?
- Opposition and testing expose our true motivations. Why is that?
- Along with the indwelling Spirit and God's Word, how did Jesus' relationship with God help him align his motivation in ministry with God's when tested by Satan?

Bringing it Home

5) **READ:** 1 John 3:1-3

- What identity does God give to you and me? Is it the same as the one given to Jesus or is it different?
- Of the power and authority given to Jesus-- the Holy Spirit, God's Word, unrestricted access to a loving Father, identity as His child-- which do we also possess? How does that transform us to be like him?

6) Where do you feel you're at in activating the power of God in your life?

- Fully engaged
- Kind of off and on
- I don't even know what that means

➤ How can your group pray for you this week?