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## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**SUNDAY 11 October 2026**

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**Bible Passage: Acts 3–4 (key verses: 3:6; 3:12–16; 4:8–13; 4:29–31)**

## GETTING STARTED

- Think of someone you've met who didn't look “qualified” on paper but surprised you with what God did through them. What stood out about them? Or share a time you felt completely underqualified for something.

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 3:1–16.** Peter and John meet a man who has been lame from birth, begging at the temple gate. Peter says, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” (3:6). When the crowd stares in amazement, Peter immediately redirects them: “Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” (3:12).

- Peter once denied even knowing Jesus. What does it say about God that he uses someone like Peter?
- Where does Peter say the power comes from? Why does that matter for us?

# INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 4:1–13.** Peter and John are arrested for proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. Asked “By what power or what name did you do this?”, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, points to Jesus (4:7–12). The leaders notice something: “they were unschooled, ordinary men... these men had been with Jesus.” (4:13).

- What made the difference for Peter and John: their qualifications or their time with Jesus?
- What tends to hold you back from speaking about Jesus or praying for someone – fear of rejection, or fear it won't “work”?

# GOING DEEPER

**Read Acts 4:29–31.** After the threats, the believers don't pray for an easier life or for the opposition to disappear. They pray, “enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness”, and “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” Not just Peter or John – all of them. Then in 4:32–35 they are of one heart and mind, sharing what they have so the gospel can go further.

- What do the believers ask for – and what do they not ask for? What do we usually pray for under pressure?
- Ordinary people + time with Jesus + the Holy Spirit = bold mission. Which part of that do you most need this week?
- Who is one person you could pray for, serve or share Jesus with this week? What is one step you can take?

**Remember: God can use me, but it was never about me.**

## Prayer

Jesus, thank you that you call ordinary people. Forgive us for the times we've limited you or let fear keep us quiet. Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit, give us boldness, and show us our next step. May people see that we have been with you. Amen.