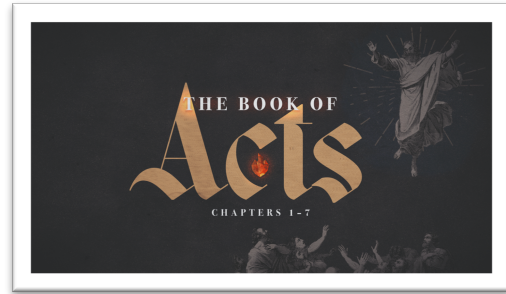


NO OTHER NAME

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For me, “Jesus” is the only name worth losing my freedom for (4:1-3), worth believing in (4:4), worth being questioned over (4:5-7), and worth boasting about (4:8-12)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does your name mean? How is Jesus’ name a greater name than yours?
- Our names are not like Jesus’ name in terms of authority or significance. When our words and actions are inspired by Jesus’s name our names can take on new meaning over time. So, how do you consciously contribute to the meaning your name carries forward in the world as it relates to Jesus’ name over your life?
- In this account we see a hostile reaction to Peter and John because they publicly held Jesus’ name in high regard. What do you do to personally hold Jesus’ name in a higher regard than other authorities and celebrities of our day?
- Imagine a scenario where you have been arrested on suspicion of promoting the name of Jesus to the public in a way that angers the government and/or self-righteous religious authorities. At the trial, what is recent evidence that could be presented against you to confirm that you are guilty as charged?
- If the Holy Spirit was to come and strengthen one thing about yourself to help you be a more confident witness for Christ, what would ask him to work on?

- When you receive attention for your inspiring actions (typically your “successes”) how can you take that time to sincerely boast about Jesus’ name? *(Think carefully about ways you give lip service to Jesus vs. ways that you express true dependency on him.)*
- If asked, what specific boast about Jesus will you make about how you made it through your last challenge? *(See Acts 4:9-12)*
- If asked, what specific boast about Jesus will you make about how you plan to make it through the days ahead? *(See 1 Corinthians 15:56-58; Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 4:14-16; Revelation 21:4 for examples of great boasts in the Lord.)*
- How will you boast about Jesus’ name if no one questions you about your source of power?