

Discussion Questions for Sunday, November 1, 2015

Responding to Persecution | Acts 4:13-31

1. Which of the overarching attitudes/worldviews/perspectives are most prevalent among believers? unbelievers? which is the most deceptive for believers?

- A. Religious isolationism...acknowledging God's authority and denying man's;
- B. Secular isolationism...acknowledging man's authority and denying God's;
- C. Illogical Compromise... Acknowledging God's and man's authority but putting man's over God's out of fear;
- D. Biblically Balanced...Acknowledging God's and man's authority but rightly putting God's over man's.

2. Review the four responses to persecution found in Acts 4:13-31.

- A. Obediently walk with God. Follow the Spirit and Word.
- B. Patiently wait for God. Don't take it too personally.
- C. Boldly witness for God. Appropriately bold.
- D. Joyfully worship God. Praise Him in all things always.

3. Roll through those four responses once again and ask the following questions:

- A. Obediently walk: Where does your highest allegiance lie and how do you know?
- B. Patiently wait: whose reputation are you more worried about? Yours or God's?
- C. Boldly witness: What's your number one activist cause? Make it the gospel!
- D. Joyfully worship: How does it find itself into every nook and cranny of your life?

4. Search the Scriptures! Find as many verses as you can that support the four responses.

5. Pray together utilizing the P-R-A-Y acrostic.

Praise God. Acknowledge His character.
Remember the Gospel. Recount Gospel truth.
Admit your need. Declare your dependence.
Yield to God. Commit everything to His sovereign good pleasure.