

## **Cell notes for week beginning 22/05/11**

*“Peter and John before Sanhedrin”*

Acts 4:1-31

*These questions are given as a guide. Please do not feel you have to read them out as written – make them your own in leading us through together. The important thing about our Word time is that we get to applying the Word to our lives and not just do a Bible study, so make sure that questions and prayer and ministry in response helps in this.*

### **Word**

Read Acts 4:1-31

What strikes group members most from this passage?

How does it make them feel?

Pray into any matters arising.

How do group members feel about v12?

How does this motivate them to share the faith?

Sometimes we can feel inadequate to share our faith, but it was noted that Peter and John were unschooled, ordinary men. V13

What made the difference in their lives?

What might that mean for us?

Consider making yourselves accountable to one another to put what you have discovered and shared into practice.

There is an increasing likelihood that even in the West Christians may face opposition and persecution through sharing the gospel.

What can we learn from the examples here to prepare us and to help us respond appropriately?

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### **Welcome**

Have group members ever felt threatened in any way?  
(It may be appropriate to pray into any things shared.)

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### **Worship**

*“When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord, you made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them.’” v24*

Encourage group members to share things they want to praise God for. Perhaps try all raising your voices together in praise to God in response to things shared.

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### **Witness**

READ Acts 4:29-31

Pray for one another for great boldness in sharing the Gospel and for God to demonstrate his power through healings, signs and wonders. Be open to the Holy Spirit coming and filling group members as you pray.