

158. The Church's Prayer and Life (Acts 4:23-5:11)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You said people will not always want to hear about You and Your good news. Make us brave to announce Your word to all people. Also make us faithful to support each other in the church. Always make us faithful to follow You and Your gift of salvation. We pray in Your name, Amen.

Acts 4:23-26.

- After Peter and John went free from prison, what did they do? (verses 23-24)
- Do the nations and rulers want God's way?

Acts 4:27-31.

- What did the believers ask God to help them do? (Also think about what they did NOT ask God to do.)
- How did God answer their prayer?
- When people are against us, what should we do? How should we pray?

Acts 4:32-37.

- Describe the church at this time. What did the believers and apostles do?
- Did God or the church tell these people they should sell their land?
- Why did people sell things and give away the money?

Acts 5:1-6.

- Ananias and Sapphira sold some of their land. Did they have the right to keep some or all of the money?
- Why did Ananias lie and act like they gave all the money to the church?
- When Ananias lied, who did he lie to? What happened to him then?

Acts 5:7-11.

- People lie all the time, but they don't die. Why did God punish Ananias and Sapphira with death?
- Do we need to be afraid that God will kill us because of our sin? What should we think?