

**The Witness Priority: Prayer**  
**Text: Acts 4:23-31**  
**February 25, 2023**

**Big Idea: Because our witness depends on God, prayer must be our priority.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

**Question #5**

- a) Why does our witness ultimately depend on God?
- b) If it depends on Him, then what is our responsibility in witness?
- c) What steps can you take this week to grow in prayer as your priority in your witness?
- d) Spend time as a group praying for one another and calling on the Lord for fruitfulness in witness.

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Acts 4:23-31. Some prompts are below.

- a) **ADORATION:** God, I worship You, because You are\_\_\_\_\_
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord, I repent of...i) My unbelief that You are\_\_\_\_\_ ii) My unwillingness to be faithful in witness in\_\_\_\_\_ iii) My lack of prayer in\_\_\_\_\_
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Father, thank you for Your....
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Lord, I ask you for...i) Boldness in\_\_\_\_\_ ii) Your work in the life of\_\_\_\_\_

*Memory Verse:*

*“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,”-Acts 4:12*

