

## Home Group Study Questions

Message: "Speaking Out"

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### Getting Started:

1. How easy do you find it to share your faith with somebody who is not a Christian?
2. Is it easier with someone you don't know very well, or with a member of your own family?



### Into the Bible:

#### *Read Acts 4:1-4*

3. Briefly recap the events leading up to this encounter (Acts 3)
4. How did the religious leaders respond? (vss. 2, 3)
5. How did many of those who witnessed the events respond? (vs. 4)

#### *Read Acts 4:5-12*

6. What did the religious leaders ask Peter and John? (verse 7)
7. What did this allow Peter to do? (How well did he do it?)

#### *Read Acts 4:13-20*

6. What impressed the religious leaders? (vs. 13)
7. What dilemma did they face? How did they attempt to resolve it?
8. How did Peter and John respond? (vss. 19, 20)

#### *Read 1 Peter 3:13-18*

9. "But in your hearts revere (set apart) Christ as Lord." (vs. 15a) Why is this important as we seek to share our faith?
10. Discuss the instruction Peter gives in the remainder of verse 15, noting the following key words: answer, reason, hope, gentleness, respect.



### Digging Deeper:

11. Peter responded to a question from the religious leader. He urges us to be ready with an answer when questioned. How can we make it easier for people to ask us about what/why we believe?
12. Peter urges us to "always be prepared to give an answer..." How may we become better prepared for this?