

**FOOD TIME:** (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

**MEETING TIME:** (45 minutes)

As we continue into the book of Acts, we see Peter and John have just performed the miracle of the lame man walking. Then as they preach in the temple, they are arrested. This only seems to bring believers closer together as they are now growing at such a rapid pace due to the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles are blessed with the Holy Spirit and it leads us to this part in chapter 4 where they and the church are coming together in prayer. It is a prayer for boldness and for confidence as they encounter resistance for spreading the name of Jesus. As we read the passage and answer questions, think about what position they are in and how through the power of prayer, they are joined together and are bold in the way that they show the love of Jesus to others.

**READ Acts 4: 31-35**

**31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. **32** Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. **33** And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. **34** Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, **35** and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

**FACILITATE Discussion Questions**

1. The power of prayer is so impactful and as they assemble together, they pray. How is prayer impactful in your life?
2. When we come together in prayer and supplication, we are of one heart. How can you make prayer a bigger part of your life?
3. Has there been a time or instance in your life where you needed to be bold and God strengthened you with that boldness?
4. How can you use that instance to be a witness for others?

**PRAY-** Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

**APPLICATION-** As we have seen, the power of prayer can be so impactful. We can come together under one heart and soul and the Lord will bless us with that boldness. It is those instances that become part of our testimony of how Christ has transformed us and has worked in our lives. The application tonight is a couple of parts; one is how we can come together as one through prayer and supplication. This is from **Matthew 18:20- "For where two or more are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them."** Joining together in prayer is something that can do amazing things, because God is there listening to all of our concerns and worries as a Father would to His children. The second thing to take away is the call to use those moments that God has worked in our lives, and use them as a testimony to His power. That we witness in His name so that others may know that love and grace and mercy. As you interact in everything in your daily lives, think about how you can be a witness for Christ in everything that you do.