Potential Discussion Questions
3-24-19 Message: Church on the Move –
There's A Price to Pay for Dancing in Church
(Acts 4:1-22)

1. Share a time when you paid a price for following God or sharing the Gospel.

2. Looking at our world, in the next 10 years, what do you think might be a likely price you will pay for living or sharing the Gospel?

3. Looking at Acts 4, what do you think is the greatest price the church paid for following Jesus and proclaiming His resurrection?

4. In the comparison of religion and true faith in Christ, the message suggested 3 contrasts. How would you explain them from the text? Which seems most significant to you? Why?

5. If you have been a part of or around a "religion" before coming to genuine faith in Christ, did you observe any of these in action? How? What others would you add?

6. In what ways do those who claim to follow Christ run the risk of falling into this kind of religious practice? What happens to the church if these things occur?

7. Read verses 18-22. Consider the response of Peter and John to the threats made toward them. How does this guide us if our government were to seek to silence Christians? What are the implications you see?

8. Read 1 Peter 2:11-25. How do you think this Acts 4 situation informed Peter when he wrote 1 Peter 2 some 20+ years later? What instructions/encouragements stand out to you? How did he live these before instructing others in the way of suffering for their faith?

9. If it were necessary, how do these passages direct believers to engage in civil disobedience over that which seeks to silence the Gospel?

10. In your prayer time, include the persecuted church of today that lives in the midst of oppressive people or governments. How would you want others to pray for you if you were in their situation?

11. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion? What is your best take-away?