Potential Discussion Questions 3-31-19 Message: Church on the Move -Standing Together when the Heat's On

(Acts 4:23-35)

- 1. Talk about a time you were asked to pull together with others to meet a crisis. What lessons did you learn that illustrate or apply to spiritual challenges that call us together?
- 2. Honesty in community does not require us to share everything with everyone. What guides you in determining what and with whom to share? What holds you back when you need support but are reluctant or unwilling to share?
- 3. It seems many people are bent to either listen more or talk/share more. In the body of Christ, how can we get the talkers to listen better and the listeners to share more?
- 4. Talk about God's rights and resources, especially as reflected in this passage. What do you see revealed? How do you respond?
- 5. Scripture seems to have less trouble than we often do identifying God's sovereignty with difficult things that happen. Why is this? What does this passage teach us about what God ordains? What other passages help with our understanding on this topic?
- 6. How have you seen these principles in your life and experience: "Man cannot accomplish what God will not permit;" and "God will permit things that man cannot (fully) understand or explain."
- 7. What do you observe in the prayers of the church to Peter and John's report? How does this instruct and encourage us in the face of opposition we might experience?
- 8. How do you observe God's victories meeting an onslaught of spiritual opposition? Formulate a prayer appropriate to the spiritual opposition or challenge you currently face using this passage as a model.
- 9. Do you agree God always enables and empowers His will? Why or why not? What are the implications for your life?
- 10. In your prayer time, seek God on each other's behalf for boldness, courage, Spirit power and grace to speak about Jesus with the people in your influence.
- 11. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion? What is your best take-away?