The Undeniable Power in the Name of Jesus

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***NOTICE:** The emphasis of our discussion is to see how the Written Word (Bible) and the Spoken Word (Preaching) work together to build up the believer, so when you see WORD in the questions, know it refers to the Scripture and the Sermon.

Recap: *Look back* for evidence of God's word reshaping your heart and life.

1. Does anyone have a testimony to share with the group of how you applied last week's "Respond" section?

Engage: ***Look into* the Word of God in light of Sunday's preached sermon.**

2. Read the passage from Acts 4:1-22 as a group and discuss your initial observations.

Reflect: *Look deeper* at the preached and written Word.

3. How does the concept of 'gospel math' (two apostles locked up, 5,000 believed) challenge our perspective on persecution and the spread of Christianity?

4. Peter and John were recognized as having 'been with Jesus.' What would it take for people to recognize that quality in us today?

5. In what areas of our lives might we be prioritizing self-preservation over boldly proclaiming the gospel?

6. How might our approach to evangelism change if we truly believed, like Peter, that salvation is found in no other name but Jesus?

7. How can we balance doing 'good deeds' in Jesus' name with the equally important task of preaching the exclusive claims of the gospel?

Respond: ***Choose one or two of the following applications of Sunday's message and commit to it/them this next week.***

1. Spend time this week meditating on the power in the name of Jesus. Journal about ways you've seen this power at work in your own life.
2. Practice sharing your testimony with a fellow group member. Focus on clearly articulating how Jesus has changed your life.
3. Identify one area where fear of persecution or discomfort might be holding you back from speaking about Jesus. Pray for Holy Spirit boldness in that situation.
4. Look for opportunities to do good deeds in Jesus' name this week, but also be prepared to explain the reason for your actions if asked.
5. Memorize Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
6. Reflect on how much time you spend "with Jesus" in prayer and Bible study. Make a plan to increase this if needed, so others might recognize His influence in your life.