



Sunday February 25th 2018

When God works:

Cannot help speaking

Acts 4v1-22

•**Speak out?**

•**The story so far**

•**A snapshot (4v1-4)**

•**Greatly disturbed authorities (v5-7, 15)**

•What is being proclaimed? - the message (v5-12)

•Who is doing the teaching? (v13-14)

•Throwing the toys out (v15-17)

•Lockdown? (v17-21)

•The resistance (v19-20)

•Kingdom growth

Conversation starter:

How free do you feel to speak about what you really think and believe with those around you?

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. Describe how you imagine Peter and John feeling as the story unfolds in chapter 4. Have you ever felt like this?
2. Have you ever had a situation where someone has seriously objected to your beliefs about Jesus? What happened? How did you react?
3. In verse 8 we are told that Peter is 'filled with the Spirit'. How do we know if someone is filled with the Spirit? Does it matter? What seem to be the marks of this in the verses?
4. What are the main elements in Peter's Sermon in v8-12? What most stands out for you?
5. What should motivate our acts of mercy and kindness? Is that our experience?
6. How easy do you find it to speak up for Jesus in the workplace or at home? What do you find most challenging? How can you make it about Jesus when others want to make it about you?
7. The apostles 'cannot help speaking'. How can you 'learn' to feel the same way?

Pray some bold prayers for one another and the church—asking that God would open our hearts, and our mouths when appropriate!