Activate Group Resource for 20 May 2018 (Acts 4:1-22 – Mike Robb)

Big Idea:
The main repeating theme is about the **undeniable** changes God makes in peoples lives.

Key Scriptures:
Acts 4:1-22

The preaching and arrest of Peter and John. The subsequent warnings given by the Sanhedrin and the refusal of Peter and John to stop preaching, and the salvation of thousands. Mike refers to Matthew 26 Peter's denial of Christ, and also Isaiah 43: 19 about God making a way where there is no way.

We have strong opinions that can become beliefs that "fly in the face" of truths that are undeniable. This creates what David Riddell likes to call "cognitive dissonance" and something has to change.

Discussion Questions:
1) What undeniable change do you KNOW God has made in your life?
2) What strong opinion or belief do YOU have that may be opposing what God wants to do in your life or in anothers life?

Application:
Mike talks about when the Holy Spirit touches a person's life, something changes that can be seen by others. Peter and John are acting quite differently in Acts chapter 4 than before they were filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2. These men had been with Jesus! Mike talks about how the Holy Spirit makes a way in the wilderness for the church to move forward. We are the church collectively, so what does that look like for you? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas of wasteland in your life and the lives of others. The greatest skeptic in the world can't change your testimony.