

Who were those opposed to what Peter and John were teaching?

Why were they so upset with their teaching?

How do you see similar opposition to the gospel today?

How can we prepare ourselves for such challenges?

What motivated the priests and Sadducees to oppose Peter and John?

How do their motivations challenge us to examine our own hearts and priorities?

How does Peter's boldness in the face of authority inspire you? What does it mean to balance wisdom and boldness in your own life?

Why was Peter able to speak so confidently before the council? How does the Holy Spirit empower believers today?

How did the early church respond to persecution, and what can we learn from their example about faithfulness under pressure?

In what ways do you see courage developing in your own life or in the lives of others?

Where do you feel God is calling you to step out in courage?

What barriers do people today face in believing the gospel, and how can we pray for and support those who are struggling?

Have you ever had to speak up for your faith in a difficult situation? What happened, and what did you learn?

How does Peter's response to the council challenge us to be clear and uncompromising in our witness?

How are we able to discern when we are to obey or disobey worldly authority? What are the dangers involved in disobeying authority?

What does this passage teach us about the importance of community and support when facing opposition?

How can the fact that the Apostles were "ordinary men with no special training" encourage us?