

Handling Opposition

Acts 4:13-22

- I. What provokes the opposition?
 - a. How has being with Jesus helped increase your boldness in those times?
 - b. Can you share a time when he surprised you with boldness that you didn't expect?
- II. What makes that a problem for other people?
 - a. If you haven't yet, run that time through the gospel—recall that Jesus traded places with you so that he could pay both for the wrong that you did and for not wanting to admit it.
 - b. Thank him for paying for you and ask him to help you let go of whatever you were trying to defend.
- III. How can you face this kind of opposition well?
 1. Have there been times or places where you've been tempted to downplay your faith in Christ and what he's doing because you didn't think that he'd be well-received?
 2. Is there a time recently when God made it really clear that you were wrong, but you struggled to admit it?
 3. What kinds of things has God done in your life that you really want to talk to other people about? Find someone to pray with you that the Lord would give you opportunities to share those things.

Website: Jesus gives you what you need to boldly face the opposition you'll get from a world that rejects him.