

## Sermon Worksheet, 10/11/09

*So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)*



**Passage:** Acts 4:1-31

**Theme:** Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.8

In this drill, we will learn about the lifestyle necessary for speaking God's word boldly.

### Observations:

- 1) Let us discuss the question the people of the Council of Sanhedrin asked in v. 7. Please refer to Luke 20:1-8 where Jesus was asked the same question, and try to explain what they meant by **"By what power or what name."** Why did they ask this question to Jesus or the disciples? And seeing how Jesus asked them back about John's baptism, try to figure out how differently Jesus and the people of Sanhedrin thought of authority.
- 2) What was really the answer Peter and John gave to the Council: **"by what power or what name"** did they do this? Then, pay attention to how the Council discussed the matter and came up with their decision. Explain the kind of the attitude you find in them from vv. 16-17, 21 as well as Luke 20:5-7.
- 3) Pay attention to the prayer in vv. 24ff. First, what were the **"threats"** in v. 29? What did they seek, then, in spite of those **"threats"**? In order to be able to seek that way, how did they think of themselves in the relationship with **"Sovereign Lord"** who **"made he heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them"**?

### Personal Applications:

- 1) The attitude that the people of the Council had is very common in this world. Try to understand this in an individual level, and explain what kind of attitudes or lifestyle it means in your words.
- 2) In comparison with this, how was it different from the way Peter and John, and the other Christians in the Early Church thought, lived and spoke? What kind of faith really made that difference?
- 3) What did they begin to speak boldly when they were filled with the Holy Spirit in v. 31? Is this simply because they were filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you think the people of the Council could pray like this? Please share what you learn from this.

### Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Pray that you will understand what it means to **"speak the word of God boldly"** rather than to speak human words or worldly things.
- 2) Do you wish that your family or group will be used by God? If so, pray. And don't forget to act too.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church till the end of October. Please list their names and include the list in your report.