

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

FAMILY, CLASSES OR GROUPS

Visit **persecutionsa.org/idop** to view a brief video about Bassam, our brother in Christ living faithfully in the Arabian Peninsula. Download our Global Prayer Guide for more information about persecuted Christians living in the restricted nations of Yemen, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

When men and women leave Islam to follow Christ in the Arabian Peninsula, they initially face opposition from family members. Our Christian brothers and sisters are shamed and rejected and are often beaten or sexually assaulted. If they do not return to Islam, they are abandoned.

Finding other Believers to fellowship and worship with is difficult, so persecuted Christians in the Arabian Peninsula are isolated. But our Christian family members are resolute in their faith, determined to stand for Christ at any cost.

READ ACTS 4:13–20.

Peter and John were living out their faith by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone they met. What qualified them to do that? What does Scripture reveal about their education?

Often, we think we need more training in order to be bold in our witness to Christ. What does this passage lead you to conclude about what a Christian needs in order to boldly follow and share Christ?

How did Bassam and our other persecuted Christian family members living in the Arabian Peninsula display obedience to Christ at any cost? Why do they continue to be faithful witnesses in the face of opposition?

When Peter and John were threatened by the religious leaders of the Sanhedrin, what was their response? How do you see a similar response in Bassam's story?

What would have to be true in your life for you to live boldly for Christ and obey him at any cost? What is one thing you know God is asking you to do that you have yet to obey? What would be a first step of obedience that you are willing to take today? Ask God to give you the same courage as Peter, John and Bassam.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

- Pray that God will lead them to find a place to fellowship and worship with other Christians.
- Pray that they will continue to boldly witness in the face of persecution.
- Pray that they will know Christ is with them and they are not alone.
- Pray that their ability to forgive their family members who persecute them will lead many to faith in Christ.