



**MAY 4 - 10**

# **Welcome to Church!**

## **(You're in Trouble)**

### **Prepare**

Reflect on Jim's sermon and read Acts 4:1-22.

### **Ice-Breaker**

If you became President of the United States, what is the first think you would do?

## **Discussion Time**

### **Read**

Read Acts 4:1-22 together.

### **Discuss**

1. What part of this reading challenges you? What part encourages you?
2. What questions do you still have? (There may be a number of them. That's good! Take some time to discuss them as a group, looking at other parts of the Bible that may be relevant to your discussion.)
3. What points stood out to you from the teaching in this week's sermon?
4. Jim said that N.T. Wright wrote that "everywhere that Paul went he was persecuted. Everywhere that I go they serve me tea." When the Christian faith is tamed, it loses its power. How have you seen the Christian faith tamed in the past? (Are there ways you've seen people avoid the "tough" things God was calling them to do?)
5. What about in your life? Talk about some times you've seen your faith "tamed" or times when you stood up and lived like you were part of a movement rather than an institution - even when it was tough.



6. Jim challenged us to listen to the Holy Spirit this week for those times when we need to obey God rather than humans. How will you take the time to listen this week?
7. What can you apply to your life based on the Scripture, our discussions, and the sermon?

### **Pray**

Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.