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# BAD BOYS OF EASTER

## Week 4: Annas, Caiaphas, and God Empowers People



What'cha gonna do when they come for you? They all came, or they all left him. One by one, disciples, religious leaders, and the Roman Governor, were the bad boys who sent Jesus to the cross. Count down the last hours of Jesus' life with these bad boys who deceived, doubted, denied, and ultimately put Jesus to his death.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take a moment and reflect. What are the 5 key beliefs you hold about God that are most important in your relationship with him? After making the list - share them with the group.

Having heard from one another, how are your beliefs similar? Different?

2. **Read Ephesians 4:1-16.**

More often than not, while we all have a bit of nuance in our different beliefs, for the most part, our beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, salvation, etc., are similar. Beyond this, do you hear a call to unity in this passage? If so, how? If not, why not? According to Paul, who is the grace of God that has been given them meant for?

3. **Re-Read Ephesians 4:7-16.** Why is grace given according to the way Christ has apportioned it? Do any of you find that some of the gifts in the passage are gifts that you hold - if so what gift(s)?

Reflect for a moment on Sunday's teaching. Annas and Caiaphas had beliefs as well as the gifts to lead and shepherd the people. How did they misuse their gifts? How did this misuse bring division to God's people? What does this reveal to us about using our gifts?

4. How might Annas and Caiaphas have benefited from Paul's letter - especially 4:1-6? How might these first six verses encourage us to focus on and adhere to the major points of our faith, while being grace-giving, encouraging, and reflective of the lesser points? How might you apply this in your life as you share your faith and help others grow more closely to God?
5. How can the Church (that is the one greater Church that is made up of all denominations, etc.) be more united? Spend time encouraging and praying for one another and for the Church.

### BE THE REVOLUTION

God gives us grace and gifts to unite the Church and help it grow into maturity.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it (*Ephesians 4:7*).