

The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #10:

The Third Occasion for Opposition: *The Increasing Power of the Apostles*

Passage: Acts 5:12-42

Sermon Dates: Mar. 1-2

Study Period: Feb. 24 – Mar. 1

Link Group Meetings: Mar. 3-7

1. **Read Acts 5:12-16.** What miraculous things were happening during this time? What relationship do these events have with the disciples' prayer in Acts 4:30?

2. Even though the Christians were highly regarded by most people, why do you think many were afraid to join them? (5:13)

3. How did some people reveal both superstition and confidence in the apostles? (5:13-16)

4. If the sick were brought to our church for healing, what do you think our church leaders would do?

5. Why did the Sadducees arrest the apostles? (5:17) Why would they feel this way?

6. **Read verses 19-23.** The plans of the Sadducees were blocked by God Himself (5:19-23). Piece together the method of their escape, being sure to compare v.19 and 23.

7. **Read verses 24-28.** What emotions do the enemies of the Church exhibit when they find out what has happened? (5:24)

8. How were the apostles brought before the Sanhedrin, and why? (5:25-28)

9. What two complaints does the High Priest have? How is this different from the complaint in Acts 4:2? (5:27-28)

10. **Read v. 29-33.** What reason did the apostles give for their disobedience? (5:29)

11. According to this passage, how are repentance and forgiveness obtained? (5:30-31)

12. What part(s) of this speech do you think made the leaders furious?

13. **Read v. 34-42.** Gamaliel speaks up against killing the apostles (5:34-39). What is his reasoning in letting them go? (v.38-39)

14. How wise do you think Gamaliel's "Rule of Thumb" is as a general rule? (verses 38-39)?

15. To what extent did they follow Gamaliel's advice? (5:40)

16. How did the apostles respond to their treatment? (5:41)

17. Where did they go and what did they do after their release? (4 1-42)

18. What should we copy from the character and example of Peter and the apostles?

19. What do you want to remember the next time you are challenged or hurt for your faith in Christ?