

Studies in Acts

Study seven

Key verse: Acts 5:41

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.



Big Idea: Living the open Christian life is costly but rewarding.

Kick Off

If you had to pick the best two things that have happened to you in the last five years what would they be and how easy is it for you to talk about it with others?

STUDY

Read Acts 5:12-42.

1. How is vv12-16 an answer to the church's prayer back in Acts 4:30?
2. Why did the Lord, through the Apostles, work all these powerful miracles?
3. What clear message do the miracles reveal to those who are being healed and to those who are seeing the miracles?
4. In what ways is the gospel message the same message as the miracle message only far better and greater?
5. What type of message are the Apostles teaching and proclaiming and what is the content of their message v42?
6. Do you think it is important for us to understand how good the Good News is and to be convinced that is it good news? Explain.
7. In spite of persecution and warnings, the apostles continue to witness. What role do the following people play in making that witnessing possible?

- the angel v19

- the Holy Spirit v 20,32

Gamaliel v34-40

8. God's kingdom work continues powerfully throughout this passage and throughout history up to the present day. Consider and discuss the four different reactions people have to kingdom work.

- v17

- v 24

- v26

- v33

Are there current examples you can think of where these same reactions occur today?

9. The disciples end up getting flogged for their witnessing. What is their response and why?

THINK AND APPLY

Are you convinced the Good News is a message people need to hear?

Have you experienced the attempts of people to silence you from speaking about Jesus?

Are you afraid to suffer as a faithful witness? If so what can you do about it?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read
Acts 6:1-7**