Discussion Questions May 26, 2024

Acts 5:12-20 Healing & Suffering



- 1. What is an area in your life where you were previously convinced you saw something correctly, but eventually realized it was not at all in line with the truth of Scripture?
- 2. Read Acts 5:12-16 Summarize what is happening in this passage.

Imagine you were part of this early church - What would be your understanding of how God empowers His body with the Holy Spirit?

- 3. If comfortable, share some examples you have personally witnessed of God healing people today.
- 4. What might be the hindrances, mindsets or fears that make us hesitant to pray regularly for healing today?
- 5. Read Acts 5:40-42

 How were the apostles able rejoice after suffering so much agony for obeying God?

What does it means for us today to have a Biblical lens of suffering and persecution? What impact should that have upon our life as we encounter pain and hardship?

6. Some of the perspectives you hold on culture, entertainment, relationships, politics, money or other areas are likely out of alignment with that of Christ and the truths of Scripture. In what areas of your own life do you recognize this?







Acts 5:12-20 (NLT)

The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade. But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

The high priest and his officials, who were Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out. Then he told them, "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!"

Acts 4:29-30 (NLT)

And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. 30 Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

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You miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take. **Even though there is only a 1-5% probability of scoring.**

Acts 5:23-25 (NLT)

"The jail was securely locked, with the guards standing outside, but when we opened the gates, no one was there!" When the captain of the Temple guard and the leading priests heard this, they were perplexed, wondering where it would all end. Then someone arrived with startling news: "The men you put in jail are standing in the Temple, teaching the people!"

Acts 5:28 (NIV)

"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Matthew 27:24 (NLT)

I am innocent of this man's blood, It is your responsibility!

Matthew 28:25 (NASB)

And all the people replied, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

Acts 15:29 (NLT)

But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

Acts 15:33 (NLT)

When they heard this, the high council was furious and decided to kill them.

Acts 15:40 (NLT)

They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go.

Acts 5:41-42 (NLT)

The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."