

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

A CROSSPOINT CITY  
SERMON SERIES

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WK 13: It Can't Be Stopped

#### Easter 2026

#### **SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:12-42**

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men & women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came & those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported 23 "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them

**Scripture continued:** before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader & Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about 400, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

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#### ICE BREAKER

How did you experience Easter differently after you committed your life to Jesus compared to before you followed him?

#### GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 14** of your ACTS Journal.)

Read Acts 5:12-42 as a group. What verse or phrase stood out to you?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

In verses 17-20, how did the Sadducees try to stop the Apostles and how did God prove that He can't be stopped? Brainstorm other times in the Bible where things were done to stop God, yet God made a way? What are some modern day examples?

In verse 29, Peter and the apostles boldly and respectfully proclaim, "We must obey God rather than men." What are situations today that Christians need to do the same?

Read verses 30-31. In what ways did Peter make the Gospel personal to the Sadducees? What is the importance of verse 32 for the crowd in the story and for us today? How does 1 Corinthians 15:6 combine with vs. 32 to prove the validity of the death and resurrection of Jesus and build your faith?

For you personally, what did it take for you to truly believe and surrender your life to Christ? Share your conversion experience.

#### Discussion continued:

Discuss this quote and compare it with Gamaliel's quote from verses 34-39.

*"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it were not true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world and they couldn't keep a lie for 3 weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible. - Chuck Colson*

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#### PRAYER (In gender based groups)

\*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Thank Jesus for his death and resurrection and for bringing you from death to life.

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**Invite a couple who doesn't  
have a church home or  
needs community!**



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