



Week of JANUARY 13TH, 2019

growth groups

ACTS 5:12-42 – IMPACT IMMINENT

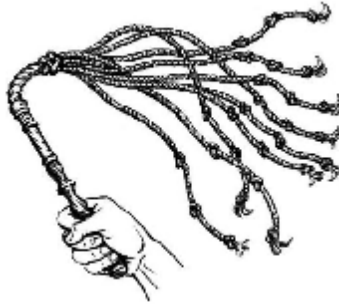
Rejoice in Suffering?

“Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.”

Acts 5:41

Warming Up

1. What was the most intimidating group or audience that you ever had to face? How did you do?
2. As a group, read through Acts 5:12-42.



Digging In

1. In Acts 4:24-31, Luke records the prayer of the believers. In verses 29-30, they asked God for something very specific. What were they asking?
2. In Acts 5:12-16, how did God answer that prayer?
3. How would you define a miracle?

- Do you personally believe God still does miracles?
4. Acts 5:17-42. Why did the religious leaders arrest the Apostles?
 5. Identify some of the chief opponents of Jesus and His message in your communities (neighborhood, work, region)?
 - Why do you think they are they opposing Jesus and His message these days?
 6. Acts 5:34-40. Explain Gamaliel’s message... what Gamaliel cautioned the leaders against... how the leaders responded to his suggestion...
 7. What effects did their conflict with the religious authorities have on the Apostles? Why?

Living Out

1. What can we learn from the Apostles’ example about coping with criticism and unfair treatment because of Christ?
2. Personally, how do you react to the threat of criticism or retribution because of Christ? Do you think they had similar feelings?
3. Is there an area in your life where you can “push back” in a Christlike way against the culture?