

Acts 5:12-42

10.25.15

Gospel Testimony

Reminders

Next Steps Class - For those interested in learning more about Exodus and pursuing membership, Next Steps is coming up on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 5-7pm in the Overflow Space. You can register on the website or on The City.

Men's Breakfast - Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th from 7-9am. Cost is \$5 and you can RSVP on The City.

Acts Devotion Guide. Talk about the Guide. Are you using the Guide? Encourage using it.

Remember

The passage we will discuss tonight is the answer to the prayers of Acts 4:23-32. Talk about some ways you have seen God answer prayer.

Brian mentioned growing up in a culture where a nominal Christianity was the norm. Has that been your experience? Talk about your cultural experience as a Christian. How have you seen your experience specifically (not the cultures experience broadly) shift? Have you?

What are some of the unique challenges this creates for Christians in our context?

Read Acts 5:12-42

What stands out to you in the passage? What was particularly helpful in the sermon?

Deepen

What is driving the decisions by the religious leaders in the passage?

How do you see those issues driving you when you feel threatened or anxious?

How does Peter describe Jesus in this passage? How might that fuel his confidence?

Peter's Response in Acts 5:29-32 included three parts: Conviction, Gospel, and Mission. Discuss how those play out in our lives.

About 30 years from Acts 5, Peter will write a letter to some of the churches he has planted and encouraged. We know it as 1 Peter. Read the following and discuss where you see conviction, gospel and mission in his letter.

- **1 Peter 2:9-12**
- **1 Peter 2:13-17**
- **1 Peter 3:12-17**
- **1 Peter 4:12-19**

Transform

How do you need to display Jesus as Leader and Savior in your life?

Is there an area of your life where you need to stand with conviction? How can our group pray for and with you about that?

Close your time in prayer.