



Questions for Study and Group Discussion

**Read Acts 5:17-42 as a group before answering these questions.

1. Share about your desire to live for “something greater” than yourself. Do you think about this often? Do you currently feel like you’ll ‘leave a legacy’ in the way you live your life right now?
2. Why do you think this desire to live for a greater cause seems to be ingrained in us? Do you think everybody has this in their DNA?
3. How do we justify this desire to live for a cause (and to be ‘ALL IN’ for it), alongside another natural tendency—to seek comfort, safety, and security?
4. What would you say is the central purpose of Christianity even today in America?
5. Particularly concerning God’s mission in the world, how hard do we “push” when we want others to buy into this worldview?
6. What stories of Christians being persecuted have you heard about from within the last decade? What about from within the last century?
7. Have you ever felt persecuted for your faith in Christ? If so, share about it.
8. Talk a little about civil disobedience. Don’t get lost in political debate; but when is it right (if ever) to disobey the governing laws and authorities? (See Acts 5:27-29)
9. What does our response need to be if we ever are persecuted for our faith in Christ? (See Acts 5:40-42)
10. Read Acts 1:8. Why is it important to remember that we’re still a part of this verse today?
11. How and why do we keep from despairing when we don’t live and speak up for the cause of Christ in our lives?
12. **Next Step:** How can you take a risk for the mission of God this week?