

# MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

DISCUSSION GUIDE | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

## MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 5. What are some questions you have about this passage?

## EXPLORE THE TEXT

- ACTS 5:12-16** | What were the signs & wonders being done? What were their purposes?
- ACTS 5:17-26** | What happened to the apostles? Why? Then what happened (v.19)? Where did the apostles go after they were released? Why? How were they found?
- ACTS 5:27-42** | What did the High Priest say (28)? What's Peter's response (v.29-32)? How did the religious leaders react to Peter's answer (33)? Why? How did Gamaliel stop them (34-39)? Why did they listen to him? Before releasing the apostles, what did they do to them (40)? Why? How did the apostles respond to this persecution (41-42)? Why?

## TRUTH TO LIVE BY

### OLD POWER

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE 'OLD POWERS' THAT SEEK TO CONTROL YOU?

- Jealousy:** Why were the religious leaders jealous of the apostles (17)? How has jealousy effected you negatively? How have you overcome it?
- Fear:** Why were the religious leaders afraid of the apostles (26)? How is fear tempting you? Why is fear so powerful? How do you overcome it?
- Anger:** Why were the religious leaders enraged at the apostles (33)? How have you seen anger pull you away from following Jesus? Why?

### NEW POWER

DESCRIBE THE 'NEW POWER' IN YOUR LIFE AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

- Supernatural:** How was God's Presence revealed through the apostles (20)? Eph. 3:16-19, 5:18; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:26, 15:13. How does the Spirit help you?
- Courage:** How did the apostles display courage in the face of opposition (21)? Share a time when the Father gave you His courage during a hard time.
- Joy:** Why were the apostles filled with joy during hard circumstances (41)? Why is joy so important? What does it do? How does our joy affect others?
- Counted Worthy:** How were the apostles seen as worthy to suffer (41)? Why does God often bring/allow suffering in our lives? What is He after in us?
- Suffered Dishonor:** How did the apostles suffer dishonor honorably (41)? Describe what it means to suffer/go through trials honorably? Example?

## GOD'S PERFECT LOVE (POWER) SETS YOU FREE FROM ALL FEAR

READ 1 JOHN 4:13-19

Share a time when you recently were set free from some fear because of Jesus' great love (power) for you.

*Which of the above truths do you need to practice in your life this next week?*