

VIRAL

HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD THEN AND NOW

Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 5:12-32

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Sep 18
Sunday, Sep 21

Introduction
Acts 5:12-32 ESV

notes

¹²Now 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. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

The Admirers: We like Jesus and His followers, but we don't dare believe.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they can 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. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Believers (Pisteuo): We trust in Jesus for salvation and live.

Spiritual warfare is not optional.

A compassionate witness is effective.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostels and put them in the public prison.

The Jealous: We are in charge, not Jesus.

notes

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree." -- (Deut. 21:33)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

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GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth, Acts 5:12-32

September 18th & 21st, 2025

The Admirers, Believers, and Jealous.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite sport to spectate?

Read Aloud: Acts 5:12-32

1. v. 13 “None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.” Do you know people who admire Jesus but don’t trust Him for salvation? What do you think the holdup is? What’s the difference between an admirer and a believer?
2. v.16 “The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.” Do you believe demons exist? What control do they have in society now? What can we learn from the early church when it comes to spiritual warfare? What does it look like now to be a compassionate witness?
3. v. 17 “But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy.” Why were the Sadducees jealous? Is control an idol, why or why not?