

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 How was the ministry of the apostles described in Acts 5:12-16 reminiscent of the ministry of Jesus?

In what way/ways did their ministry differ from His ministry?

#2 Should disciples of Jesus still expect to be persecuted for their faith, even in America?

Read John 15:18-21. Why should we expect to receive persecution as disciples of Jesus?

In what way/ways have you been persecuted for your faith?

#3 Do you see the persecution of Christians increasing in our culture? In what ways?

#4 What must disciples refuse to do in the face of persecution?

#5 Where did the apostles' courage and ability to bear up under persecution come from?

Is that source of courage and strength available to disciples of Jesus today?

#6 How were the apostles able to "rejoice that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name"?