



## Small Group Study Questions

### Week 9

#### Acts 5:29-42 (NASB 1995)

**29** But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. **31** He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

**33** But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and intended to kill them. **34** But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time. **35** And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men. **36** For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. **37** After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and drew away *some* people after him; he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered. **38** So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown; **39** but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God.”

**40** They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them. **41** So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name. **42** And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

### QUICK REVIEW

Summarize one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you.

## DIGGING DEEPER

What's your most memorable defiant child moment? (Could be one you watched or had done to you or even your own moment)

When are you most tempted to fight against God?

### **Read Acts 5:27-29**

Why is the priest so frustrated at Peter?

Have you ever been told to stop talking about Jesus? Why or why not?

How does Peter know how to obey God?

### **Read Acts 5:30-33**

What was the reason why they intended to kill them?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Read Acts 5:34-39

Based on Gamaliel's reasoning, what's a sure-fire way to find success?

### Read Acts 5:40-42

With the way that Peter responded in vs. 29 and Gamaliel's reasoning, does the warning and flogging make sense?

What is God wanting you to do that you are fighting?

## TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUEST

