



Bible study for the week starting August 14, 2022

SHARE

1. Have you ever been caught in a situation where you felt like you had to disobey someone in order to faithfully obey God? What did it cost, or how difficult was it? What was the result? (If you can't think of any examples in your own life, think of examples of which you know.)

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 5:12-32**. The theme 2 weeks ago was Biblical generosity; last week was truthfulness. This week, the distinguishing mark of the church is "obedience." This is easy to know and hard to live. How would you describe to someone unfamiliar with this concept what obedience looks like in your own life?
3. What kind of miracles are continuing to happen among the apostles in these verses. What's the purpose of these miracles?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**. Within the context of the Christian Church, we are all replaceable but also all indispensable. What point is Paul making in these verses, and what application do you find in your own life?
5. Read **Matthew 16:13-19**. God had built certain attributes into Peter's personality that lent themselves well to proclamation. How is this a glimpse into the more lasting transformation Peter would experience after Jesus' resurrection?

PRAY

6. We must obey God rather than men. Pray that God would align your life in obedience, whatever the cost may be.



The Marks of the Church: Obeying God

Acts 5:12-32

August 14, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“We must obey GOD rather than MEN.” -Acts 5:29

If you’ve ever tried to change a HEART, you know it is, indeed, a miracle.

The greatest sign and wonder that continued to be performed was the clear PROCLAMATION of Jesus crucified and rise, a Gospel preached with enough POWER to bring people to their knees in REPENTANCE, to change minds and hearts, and add to the number by MULTITUDES.

An angel of the Lord pulled out the “MASTER’S” key

Apostles – Company of Persons – Souls – Believers – CHURCH – The Way

If I am failing to BE discipled, I lose effectiveness at MAKING disciples.

You might not HEAL people with your shadow, but God is using you to MOLD others.

It’s not COMPLICATED; it’s just REPETITIVE.

“The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as LEADER and SAVIOR, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.” -Acts 5:30-31

For next week, read Acts 5:33-42.