

### **Cell Study: Purity Brings Power for Persecution (Acts 5:12-42)**

Focus of this week's questions will be the outcome of purity, which resulted in Power (ie growth) in the early churches, which led to Persecution, and the response (ie Perseverance) we can learn from the early church.

1. Right after the event of Acts 5:1-11, let's see what happened in the early church. Read Acts 5:12-16
  - a. Where did the believers meet?
  - b. How did those who heard/saw them respond?
  - c. Who added to their numbers?
2. As the church grew, persecution followed (vs 17-40)
  - a. vs 17: what drove the Sadducees to arrest the apostles
  - b. The above is a form of an external attack used by Satan. What other form of attack is used by Satan against the church? Which is more dangerous - discuss & share
  - c. Based on your observation, name some internal / external attack that Satan is using today against the church / marriage / family.
3. Let's look at how the early church responded in the face of the persecution
  - a. vs 28-29: How did the apostles responded to the authority?
  - b. Discuss 3a# in context to Romans 13:1
  - c. vs 41 – 42: What is the secret behind the church survival under persecution?
  - d. In your opinion, how can we as believers of today grow stronger before, and during persecution?
4. Share a personal take away from this week's sermon and how will you be able to apply it in your life. (You can share from the aspect of Power, Persecution or Perseverance)