

# JESUS OUR HERO

ACTS 5:17-42

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything about the message today that was particularly helpful? Anything that you'd like to discuss further?
2. So far we've seen the devil try various different ways to destroy the church. He tried to use hypocrisy and sin inside the church (Acts 5:1-12). He tried using persecution from outside the church (Acts 5:17-42). Next week, we'll see him use "ministry burnout" (Acts 6:1-7). How do we see our enemy use the same tactics today?
3. The early church both alienated people and attracted people at the same time. Some found it intimidating and unnerving whereas others "greatly respected" the Christians. Why is that? How do we see this still today? Should this bother us?
4. The church was growing rapidly. "More and more were added to their number..." Do you think a healthy church should grow? Is our church growing at the rate it should? Why/Why not? Is there a "max size" for a local church? Why/Why not?
5. A healthy church is full of people who invite other people to faith in Christ and to Christian community in the church. How are we doing in this area as a class?
6. Another thing we see about healthy churches in this text is that they get persecution. Do we experience that today? How so? How should we respond? Why/Why not?
7. Notice the "way" this church suffered. What should we learn/imitate from that today?
8. What practical changes are you going to make in your life in light of today's discussion?