

Discussion Questions
January 11, 2026 | Acts 5:25-42
Rejoicing in Suffering

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. In Acts 5:25, the apostles are found teaching in the temple. What does this reveal about God's purposes when set against human opposition?
2. How does Peter's statement, "We must obey God rather than men" shape a Christian understanding of authority?
3. Why do you think the Sanhedrin responded with anger rather than openness or curiosity?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. What does the rejoicing of the apostles, after being flogged, reveal about their understanding of suffering?
5. Is Gamaliel's counsel wise unwise or a little of both? Explain your answer.
6. When might you face tension between obeying God and conforming to cultural, social or even legal pressures?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. What aspects of the gospel does Peter emphasize in his answer to the Sanhedrin in a hostile setting?
8. Why might these aspects of the gospel be especially provocative?
9. Why do you think the apostles submitted peacefully when brought before the Sanhedrin? Was this wise? Should it be imitated?