



WEEK 2 / OCTOBER 14, 2026 / ACTS 5:12-16

The Power of a Unified Church

God worked through the apostles. Believers gathered in one accord, and more people were added to the Lord. We respond with truthful fellowship, faithful witness, and attentive care.

Before you press play

Have your Bible and this guide ready. Read, reflect, and respond. Pause or rewind whenever you need more time. Type in the outlined fields or print this guide and write by hand.

Our five-movement journey

1 / Oct 7 Acts 5:1-11 **You Cannot Pretend Before God**

2 / Oct 14 Acts 5:12-16 **The Power of a Unified Church**

3 / Oct 21 Acts 5:17-25 **You Cannot Imprison God's Word**

4 / Oct 28 Acts 5:26-32 **We Must Obey God**

5 / Nov 4 Acts 5:33-42 **Still Teaching and Preaching Jesus**

As you begin: How does belonging to Jesus shape the way you belong to His people?



READ / OBSERVE / ACTS 5:12-16 KJV

Read the passage

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Notice the connection

Acts 5:1-11 confronts deliberate deception. Giving was voluntary. God's holiness and the church's public witness belong together.

What details stand out? Record what Luke says before deciding how to apply it.



UNDERSTAND / ACTS 5:12-14

God's power. Shared purpose.

Verse 12: God worked through the apostles. They were His instruments. "One accord" describes shared devotion to Christ and a common purpose, with room for different gifts.

1. Through whose hands did the signs occur, and where did the believers gather?

Solomon's Porch was a covered public walkway in the temple complex. The believers gathered where others could see and hear their witness.

2. How can people with different gifts follow Christ together while speaking truth and receiving correction?

Verses 13-14: Some hesitated to associate, and the people held the believers in esteem. Yet more men and women believed and were added to the Lord.

3. How can hesitation and growth appear together? What does "added to the Lord" teach us about church growth?



UNDERSTAND / ACTS 5:15-16

Peter's shadow and God's power



SOLOMON'S PORCH

A covered walkway with columns and a roof, opening onto the temple court. Believers gathered publicly in one accord.

[Illustrative reconstruction](#)

Verse 15 reports the people's hope that Peter's shadow might fall on the sick. It does not identify the shadow as an independent source of healing or give us a ritual to repeat.

4. What does Luke report about Peter's shadow? What does he leave unstated?

Verse 16 widens the scene to surrounding towns. Luke reports that everyone brought in this account was healed. The passage does not promise the same recovery timetable for every sick person today.

5. How can you pray boldly and keep caring when someone remains sick?



APPLY / CARE / FOLLOW THROUGH

Our response this week

A member has missed gatherings while caring for a family member. Before assuming a lack of commitment, reach out privately and ask what would help. Respect the person's needs and consent.

Who needs care or connection? Use a first name or initials.

What support would help? Ask before assuming.

What action will we agree on?

When will I follow up?

**FORWARD: Witness beyond our walls. HIGHER: Holiness and maturity.
TOGETHER: Honest fellowship under Christ.**



RECAP / PRAY / READ AHEAD

Keep walking together

The power belongs to God. His witnesses point to Jesus. Believers share life in one accord, and people are added to the Lord. Our response is faithful witness and care.

One sentence: What does this passage teach, and what will I change this week?

The gospel is our foundation

Jesus died for our sins and rose again. Salvation is God's gift through faith in Christ. Our acts of care grow from the life He gives us. They do not earn that life.

Let us pray

Father, thank You for Your Word. Make us truthful. Unite us under Christ. Help us care with consistency, point others to Jesus, and remain present with those who suffer. Draw people to Yourself. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next week / October 21

You Cannot Imprison God's Word / Acts 5:17-25

Read ahead: Who resists? How does God act? What are the apostles told to do?