

## STUDY GUIDE

Acts 5:12-42

**“Counted Worthy to Suffer”**

- 1) Acts 5:13-14 shows us that the church was growing even though great fear was upon everyone. Is this a struggle we face today? How so? Or, why not?  
  
How can the growth of the church in this time (vv12-16) be an encouragement to us?
- 2) In v20, the angel of the Lord commissioned the apostles to continue on in mission. How is this an encouraging word to us to continue to proclaim the Gospel?  
  
What are some of the things that discourage us, or keep us, from sharing the Gospel?
- 3) How do we face direct opposition to the Gospel in our culture?
- 4) What are some of the ideologies and agendas that seek to stifle Christians in our day?  
  
How can we faithfully shine for Christ in the midst of these obstacles?
- 5) After being beaten, the apostles were “rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name (v41).” Do you find it a joy and honor to suffer for Christ? Why or why not?  
  
How have you suffered for Christ in your life?
- 6) How would you like others to pray for you to faithfully make Jesus known even though it might include great suffering for Jesus?

*Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. - Acts 5:41-42*