

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: July 6, 2016
Acts 5:21-42

1. What happened in the first part of this chapter?
 - a. Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead.
 - b. People were filled with reverent fear for the power of God.
 - c. People were drawn to the love and healing power of God.
 - d. The apostles were arrested by the high priest and his associates.
 - e. An angel of the Lord released the apostles and told them to “Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people all about this new life.”

2. What did the apostles do in 5:21? _____

3. What happened when the Sanhedrin sent for the apostles, according to 5:21-25?
 - a. They found the jail securely locked.
 - b. The apostles were not inside.
 - c. The captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss...
 - d. They found the apostles in the temple courts teaching the people.

4. What did the Jewish leaders do in response to this?
 - a. They drug them in for questioning in shackles.
 - b. They “brought” the apostles, but “did not use force”

5. Why, according to 5:28, was it important to the Sanhedrin that the apostles not speak in the name of Jesus?
 - a. Because they believed that it was wrong or harmful.
 - b. Because it made them look bad.
 - c. Because they had Jesus killed!

6. How do you respond when you have done something wrong and realize it later?
 - a. I admit it, repent, and move on.
 - b. I dig the hole deeper by trying to silence people who speak the truth.
 - c. I’m more concerned about peoples’ perception of me than I am about who I really am before God.

7. How does Peter respond in 5:29-32?
 - a. Peter noted that God is their ultimate authority.
 - b. Peter seemed to suggest that what the Jewish religious leaders were saying contradicted God’s command.
 - c. Peter mentioned the importance of repentance even to the religious leaders!

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8. What happened in the last study on this text?
 - a. The apostles were not found in jail.
 - b. The apostles were found in the temple courts teaching the people.
 - c. The Sanhedrin was angry because the apostles “were determined to make them guilty of this man’s blood”
 - d. Peter declared that the apostles must obey God rather than men.

9. How did the Jewish leaders respond, according to 5:33?
 - a. They repented for their actions, as they should have before.
 - b. They were furious and wanted to put them to death.
 - c. A Pharisee named Gamaliel spoke...

10. Who was Gamaliel?
 - a. Well, they were all Jewish religious leaders.
 - b. Gamaliel was a Pharisee.
 - c. Gamaliel was a teacher of the law.
 - d. Gamaliel was honored by all the people.

11. What did Gamaliel do?
 - a. He stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the apostles be put outside.
 - b. He addressed the Sanhedrin.
 - c. He reminded the Jewish leaders that there have been uprisings before.
 - d. He reminded the Jewish leaders that when the leader of an uprising (that is not of God) is struck down, the people scatter and it comes to nothing.
 - e. He reminded the Jewish leaders that if this is of God, they will not be able to stop these men and will only find themselves fighting against God.

12. What battles are you fighting? _____

13. Are you fighting for God or against God? _____

14. What did the Jewish leaders do in response to Gamaliel’s words? _____

15. How did the apostles respond?
 - a. They couldn’t believe that God let them be flogged for doing what He said!
 - b. They rejoiced in escaping with their lives and committed not to be so foolish in the future to put themselves in that position.
 - c. They rejoiced “because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”
 - d. They continued to teach “day after day, in the temple courts...”
 - e. They “never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”

16. How do you respond to opposition when you are doing the will of God? _____