

Wednesday

Read Acts 5:30 *Telling the story to the council*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Peter say that the God of the Jewish people raised up Jesus?*
2. *Why are the priests fearful of Jesus, if they believe he is dead?*

Prayer Focus: You put your Spirit into the apostles, Redeemer, leading them to tell the world that the Scriptures were fulfilled. Help us lean on those words, too, and know that you are still actively involved with us and your world.

Thursday

Read Acts 5:31 *The identity of Jesus*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *God sent Jesus to serve as Leader and Savior. How might the priests have responded to that claim?*
2. *What do repentance and the forgiveness of sins meant to you?*

Prayer Focus: Jesus, you made us stop and look around at what we're doing with the lives. Thank you for showing us how to repent, to turn around and find the right path to follow you where you lead. Thank you for the courage to share your way.

Friday

Read Acts 5:32 *Why the disciples must speak*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *The apostles established their identity to the council. What is your identity in Christ?*
2. *The Holy Spirit is given to those who follow Christ. How is the Holy Spirit guiding you? How is it guiding our church?*

Prayer Focus: God of all, the resurrection made all things new, just as you promised. Today, change our hearts, so we can live boldly in your promise and be known as witnesses, blessing the nations in your name.

When Values Collide

Pastor's message: Acts 5:27-32 The world is a battle ground between conflicting values, but we can still obey God's word because Holy Spirit empowers us.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Has there been someone in your life that you felt was a strong witness to their faith?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 5:27-28**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

WHEN VALUES COLLIDE

April 24, 2022

Monday

Read Acts 5:27-28 *The disciples accused*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think the apostles were teaching or doing that filled Jerusalem?*
2. *Why were the priests worried that Jesus' name would bring his blood on them? Why would they care?*

Prayer Focus: Gracious God, you are the only one who could have breathed life into the people of Jerusalem. As we begin a new season, remind us that you are the God who really cares. We bless your name, and thank you for bringing us your truth.

Tuesday

Read Acts 5:29 *What drives the disciples*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *It took courage for the apostles to say this to the priests and the temple police. What might have happened if they'd obeyed human authority?*
2. *How do you obey God's authority in your life?*

Prayer Focus: Holy Spirit, the courage of the apostles still resonates for us today. Their insistence on telling the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection sustains us still today. Help us to follow the path he showed us, to live as witnesses to his truth every day.