
AMEN Bible Study 2024

Acts: Making Jesus Known

“Living Leader and Savior”

Acts 5:12-42
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Big Idea: We must obey God rather than men, because Jesus is our living savior and leader.

1. Savior (vv.12-32)

We must obey God rather than men because Jesus is our living savior.

A. The works of the Apostles (vv.12-16): Jesus uses people to save.

B. The testimony of the Apostles (vv.17-32): Jesus saves all kinds of people.

2. Leader (vv. 33-42)

We must obey God rather than men because Jesus is our living leader.

A. Gamaliel’s Speech (vv. 33-39): Jesus’s mission will never be stopped by human opposition.

B. The Apostles’ response to persecution (vv. 40-42): To suffer dishonor for Jesus’s name is better than having your name honored by men.

AMEN Action Steps

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HEAR the Word

"Open my eyes, that I might behold wonderous things out of your law."

-Psalms 119:18

1. The men the Apostles could have feared in this passage were the Sanhedrin. Who are people who you could be tempted to fear rather than obey God?
2. How does Luke turn the tables of power and fear in this passage?
3. Which of the reasons for obeying God rather than men resonated with you most? Why?

PRACTICE the Word

"...Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

-Matthew 7:24

1. What response(s) to the gospel/spiritual conversations do you anticipate receiving?
2. How might these anticipated responses make you hesitant to engage with people in spiritual conversations?
3. How could you reframe this barrier based on the exhortation from the passage we studied today?

RETELL the Word

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you..."

-Mark 5:19

1. If you were asked to share the gospel ("the words of this Life") with someone, do you have a simple, clear way to do so? How could you grow in this way?
2. Who is someone you know who you anticipate could be resistant to the gospel? What might be their resistance and how does the gospel actually have good news for that?
3. Who is someone you could share your testimony with as a practical way of remembering your own salvation and motivating you to share with others?