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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Filling the City with Jesus
April 17, 2016

Text: Acts 5.12-32

1. What was the influence of the apostles and the first century church in Jerusalem and beyond (5.12-16)? What had the church prayed for (4.29-30) and now what were they experiencing? Why were they having this kind of influence? How would you explain it?

It causes us to ask, *Are we asking God for such an influence? Are we crying out for His power?*

2. Some wanted to steer clear of the apostles and church (5.13). Why do believe that is so?
3. How did the Sadducees, the religious leaders, respond to the Spirit-empowered influence of the church (5.17-18)? What is jealousy? What are other reasons that the leaders throw the apostles in jail?
4. What is the price of the Spirit-empowered influence (Luke 21.12-18; Acts 7; Acts 12.1-2; 5.18)?
5. What is the purpose of a Spirit-empowered influence (5.20; 5.28)? So, whether an angel releases us from jail or we face the sword what's purpose?
6. What is the message of life that was filling the city (4.12; 5.30-32)? What do we learn about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the apostles share with the Jewish leaders (5.30-32)?
7. How can we on a daily basis fill our city and differing spheres of influence with the message of life found in Jesus alone? How are you doing that in your relationships, home, neighborhood, work, school, etc.?

Prayer