

The Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit
Small Group Study
October 24, 2021: Acts 5:17-42
The Gospel Cannot be Stopped

When was a time that you remember feeling particularly grateful for the life God has given you?

What has happened so far in the book of Acts? Read Acts 5:17-20. Why were the religious leaders jealous of the apostles?

How would you describe the new life that Jesus gives? How is it different from the kind of life our society makes us crave?

Read Acts 5:21-26. What do you think the temple guards and religious leaders thought when the apostles were found in the temple instead of the prison?

Read Acts 5:27-32. How did Peter and the others respond to the leaders' demands? What do they say about Jesus? About the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 5:33-42. What did Gamaliel (who Saul/Paul studied under--see Acts 22:3) advise? How is that wise advice for other situations, even today?

How did the apostles respond to being flogged? What gave them such persistence and confidence?

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Messiah?

How do you think you would feel if you were sent to jail for what you believe? What do you think that would do to your faith?

How do you explain why God sometimes delivers you out of hardships, but at other times he allows you to go through them?