

Acts of the Apostle
When to Break Out of Jail
Acts 5.12-42

[Life Changing Experience]

[READ: 5.12-16]

The Church clearly understands THE GOSPEL

- When the church understands the Gospel, people come to see what is happening (Power. Faith)
- No-one dared join then (not moralism but transformation)
- The church saw THE GOSPEL first hand & lived it out
- When the church clearly understands the gospel, they will face opposition

THE GOSPEL

We are broken with no way to fix ourselves [Separated from God because of our sin]
so JESUS came to have His body broken, in our place,
SO THAT we could be made whole [A Sinless life as a SUBSTITUTE for a sinful life]

OUR RESPONSE: Repentance [Turn (from what you thought to be true) and Believe (Jesus paid it all)]

[READ: 5.17-26]

The Power of God to allow them to continue teaching THE GOSPEL

- Teach "all the words of this Life"
- God desires for US to play a part in the Gospel coming to our community

[READ: 5.27-32]

They are more passionate about THE GOSPEL than afraid of Man

- The Gospel has changed their lives and countless others around them. Their devotion was to seeing this continue to happen & the fear of man didn't even register.
- When you are passionate about something... you work it into every conversation [fostering]

[READ: 5.33-42]

Standing for THE GOSPEL

- When they are of man they will fail, but when we stand for THE GOSPEL it is eternal.

Question:

Do you Get the Gospel?

Is there SIN (in your life) that is distracting you from the Gospel?

Do you doubt the POWER of the Gospel?

Discussion Questions:

- Share about a life changing experience that has happened to you? How does this affect everything that you do, even today? What do you do to keep your mind on this life changing experience?
- Why is it important for the church to “clearly understand the Gospel”? What are the areas that you see people leaving out of the Gospel? How does that dilute/change the Gospel?
- There are times when our passions for “things other than the Gospel” outweigh our passion for the Gospel. What are some good things that people are passionate about? How can we make sure that our passion for the Gospel is never trumped by our passion for “good things” around us? How do we keep the Gospel as our priority passion?
- Many people doubt the Gospel’s power. Read Romans 1.16-17. How do you interact with this in light of those around us doubting the Gospel’s power? How does one who doubts the power of the Gospel get to a point where they can put their faith in God for everything?