

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

THE LIFE — VII

Acts 5:17-42

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MEMORY VERSE

“But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’” (Acts 5:29 ESV)

“And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:32 ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Review the Sunday Message

(No sermon notes provided – use your own notes for discussion)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — THE LIFE, PART SEVEN

This week as we examined Acts 5, we saw the trials and boldness of Peter and the other apostles. They were trials in that they were heavily persecuted, however, it was their boldness, as strengthened by the Holy Spirit that assisted them in their pursuit of the proclamation of the gospel. All throughout the New Testament we see one encouragement after the other of the necessity of being strengthened in the joy of Christ, knowing that as much as we are promised trials and potential suffering, we are equally promised the joy of the presence of God.

The following questions this week will focus on the concept of perseverance. Even in a free society of our own we can experience pain and trial, but the fruit of the Christian (Gal. 5:16-23) is the outcome by which we deal with these trials.

Study Questions:

1. Read Romans 5:1-5 together as a group. Paul produces the greatest argument for the necessity of perseverance. Identify the three things being “produced” in this passage and answer the following questions.
 - Suffering produces Endurance
 - Endurance produces Character
 - Character produces Hope



1. What are examples of suffering in your life that produced endurance in the faith?
 2. How did your endurance during this suffering for the faith produce godly character?
 3. How did your godly character display hope for yourself and potentially hope for others around you?
2. Read Ephesians 6:14-20 together as a group. How do we stand reminded of the “armor of God” as it refers to perseverance?
- Paul’s point is that prayer is how we persevere in the faith, reminding us of the metaphorical armor that Christ has already put on us because of his death, burial, and resurrection.
1. Are you persevering in prayer in “all things”? Explain.
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:11-12 together as a group. List and discuss the exhortations Paul makes to Timothy and answer the following questions.
- Flee false teaching (1 Tim. 6:2b-10)
 - Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness (compare 2 Tim. 3:10).
 - Fight against false teaching with faith.
 - Take hold (or pursue) eternal life, which has greater value than false earthly teaching.
1. To feel like you are living out your faith using these attributes listed above?
 2. Do you cling to the sound teachings of Jesus for encouragement and your source of truth?
 3. How much do other Christ-centered friends and peers encourage to pursue these things concerning your faith?

Add'l Notes:

