

LIFE GROUPS

SERMON NOTES



Joy in Opposition

Acts 5:17-42 November 27, 2022

START TALKING | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. Have you been in a situation where your faith and ability to trust God has been challenged?
2. How do you know if someone is really strong in trusting God?

START SHARING | asking questions that engage with the message.

3. Read Acts 5:17-18. Describe how the Apostles are being persecuted by men in authority. How does Satan factor into this? (See 1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:12).
4. Read Acts 5:19-21, Matthew 10:19-20, John 14:26. Describe how God is involved in the rescue of the Apostles. How is the Word of God vital in facing persecution?
5. Read Acts 5:27-32. Describe the Apostles' response when told to stop preaching. How were they strengthened as they feared God, rather than the religious leaders? (See Phi 1:21 and Luke 12:4-5).

START LIVING | asking questions that apply God's Word to daily life.

6. Who is ultimately in charge of the trials and persecution you are facing and how can you be encouraged to trust God?
7. Describe how you have "drawn the line in the sand" in obeying and fearing God, as you respond to trials and persecution in your life.