

Unleashed: Our Unstoppable Message (Acts 5:17-42)

Main Idea: The message of Jesus Christ is unstoppable!

Connect: Share one thing you rejoice about that happened this month

Discuss

- 1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
- 2. Why do you think God intervened in their imprisonment, but allowed the beating to happen? Would you question God's goodness in that? Why didn't the apostles?
 - In other words, how you do you explain why God sometimes delivers you out of hardships, but at other times He allows you to go through them?
- 3. What are examples of suffering in your life that produced endurance in your faith?
 - Read James 1:2-4
- 4. How do you think proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ immediately after His crucifixion in Jerusalem could be different than proclaiming Jesus is the Christ today in your city? What can we learn from the apostles?
- 5. Historians say that Gamaliel became a Christian, and probably became a Christian by seeing Saul (later named Paul) and his fruit as he followed Christ. If someone followed you for a length of time, would they see the fruit that comes from following Jesus? If so, what would they see? If not, how could you change that

Live it Out

- Examine the 3 ways that the apostles respond to the persecution as described in verses 29; 41-42 and begin modeling this in your life today.
- Take time to pray for Christians who are being persecuted around the world. Pray that they have boldness to preach the gospel even during suffering, and rejoice like the apostles in Acts 5:41 because they are suffering for Christ's name
- Thank God for the LifeGroup He has placed you in!
- If you are not connected to a LifeGroup please visit http://www.calvarywv.com/adults.html so that you can begin to experience what the apostles did; living life with others.
- Or contact Pastor Adam at astotler@calvarywv.com