PRIEST LAKE COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTS 5 / MOVEMENT 5

STILL TEACHING AND PREACHING JESUS

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Acts 5:33-42 | Context: Acts 5:29-32 | KJV



Prepare Your Heart

A personal companion for the online recording

Have your Bible ready during the five-minute countdown. The teaching lasts approximately 50 minutes. Pause or replay when you need more time to read, reflect, or write.

Read Acts 5:29-32 for context, then Acts 5:33-42 as the main passage. You do not need to read the entire chapter during this session.

Central truth: The risen Jesus sustains His people to remain faithful in their witness, even when obedience becomes costly.

Name and study date

What do you want God to teach or strengthen in you?

How to use this guide: Observe what the text says, consider what it means in context, and respond with a specific step of faith. Type into the shaded response boxes and save your copy.

The Journey to This Moment

Context reading: Acts 5:29-32

1. Acts 5:1-11 - God exposes deception within the church.
2. Acts 5:12-16 - God works through the gathered believers.
3. Acts 5:17-25 - Imprisonment does not stop the Word.
4. Acts 5:26-32 - The apostles obey God and proclaim Jesus.
5. Acts 5:33-42 - They suffer and continue teaching Jesus.

Peter and the apostles testify that God raised and exalted Jesus, bringing repentance and forgiveness. The council reacts to this witness. The conflict centers on Jesus and the authority of God.

What does Acts 5:29-32 reveal about Jesus and the apostles' message?

How does this context help you understand the council's response?

Anger Meets Restraint

Acts 5:33-35 | Read in your Bible before responding

The council responds with rage and intends to kill the apostles. Gamaliel, a respected Pharisee and teacher of the law, calls for deliberation. Luke identifies his influence without telling us that he became a disciple.

Observe: What do the council's intention and Gamaliel's intervention reveal?

Reflect: When God's Word challenges you, what helps you receive correction?

A question, insight, or phrase I want to remember

Human Plans and God's Purpose

Acts 5:36-39 | Read in your Bible before responding

Gamaliel recalls failed movements and urges caution: a work of human origin will collapse, but they cannot overthrow a work that is from God. His counsel restrains the council. Popularity or longevity alone does not prove that a ministry is faithful to God.

Observe: What contrast does Gamaliel make between human work and God's work?

Reflect: How can you examine a claim by Scripture rather than popularity?

A question, insight, or phrase I want to remember

Obedience Can Be Costly

Acts 5:40 | Read in your Bible before responding

The council accepts the counsel against killing the apostles, yet beats them and commands them to stop speaking in Jesus' name. Their release does not mean they escape pain. Luke does not state the number of blows.

Observe: What happens to the apostles before they are released?

Reflect: What might faithful obedience cost in your present circumstances?

A question, insight, or phrase I want to remember

Joy in Belonging to Jesus

Acts 5:41 | Read in your Bible before responding

The apostles rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name. Their joy rests in their relationship to Him; it does not make the beating good or the pain unreal. Not every disagreement or consequence of wrongdoing is persecution for Christ.

Observe: What reason does Luke give for their rejoicing?

Reflect: How can belonging to Jesus strengthen you in a difficult situation?

A question, insight, or phrase I want to remember

They Did Not Stop

Acts 5:42 | Read in your Bible before responding

Every day, in the temple and in homes, the apostles continue teaching and proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. Their witness is both public and personal. Perseverance is sustained attention to Jesus and His gospel in ordinary daily life.

Observe: Identify the frequency, places, actions, and message in this verse.

Reflect: Where can your daily life make room for a faithful witness to Jesus?

A question, insight, or phrase I want to remember

Respond in Faith

Bring the passage into your week

The apostles ask for boldness in Acts 4:23-31. Their courage in Acts 5 is part of a life of dependence on God. Pray for faithfulness, wisdom, and love as you respond to this passage.

My central takeaway about Jesus and faithful witness

One specific step I will take this week, and when I will take it

My prayer for courage, wisdom, and love

Someone I can encourage, pray with, or discuss this passage with

Keep Growing in the Word

Next chapter: Acts 6 | A Growing Church and a Faithful Witness

Acts 6 shows a growing church addressing neglected needs, sharing responsibility, and continuing its witness. Read the chapter before the next study.

Movement 1 | Acts 6:1 - When Growth Reveals Neglect

Movement 2 | Acts 6:2-4 - Prayer, the Word, and Shared Service

Movement 3 | Acts 6:5-7 - Faithful Servants and a Growing Word

Movement 4 | Acts 6:8-10 - Stephen Speaks with Wisdom and Power

Movement 5 | Acts 6:11-15 - False Witnesses Before the Council

As I read Acts 6, what do I notice or want to understand?

Scripture references: Acts 4:23-31; Acts 5:29-42; Acts 6:1-15. Use your KJV Bible alongside this guide. Explanatory paragraphs are study summaries, not Scripture quotations.

Saving your responses: Download the guide, open it in a PDF reader that supports forms, type in the fields, and save. Reopen your saved copy to check your responses.