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## **COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE**

Gather to Go:: Faithful in Opposition

Passage: Acts 5:12-42

The Point: Followers of Jesus are called to faithfully witness even in the face of opposition and persecution.

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### **Discussion Questions:**

- The sermon named three tools that Satan uses to destroy the church, deception, seduction and persecution. Which one do you see most prevalent in our community and country?
- The sermon named persecution as one of Satan's tools to discourage and silence the church. How can the enemy use persecution and opposition to silence Christians?
- In Acts 5:29, Peter and the apostles said, "We must obey God rather than men." Read Romans 13:1-2. How do we hold the tension between Acts 5:29 & Romans 13:1-2?
- The sermon reminded us that our ultimate allegiance is to King Jesus, not comfort, safety, country, party, or public approval. What competes most with your allegiance to Jesus right now?
- Gamaliel said that if this movement was from God, it could not be stopped. How does the truth that God's kingdom cannot be stopped encourage you when the world feels hostile or discouraging?
- The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus. Why is it so difficult for us to connect joy and suffering, and what would it take for our perspective to become more like theirs?
- The sermon called us to pray for the persecuted church around the world. How can remembering persecuted believers reshape our own faith, priorities, and prayers?
- Acts 5:42 says they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus "every day" and "from house to house." Where is one specific place God is calling you to faithfully bring Gospel restoration this week?
- What was your biggest takeaway and/or what is one concrete step you sense God inviting you to take this week?