

# Persevering Through Persecution Discussion Questions

Acts 5:17-32

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1. What feelings were stirred in you when you heard the information about the persecuted church?
2. What caused the religious leaders to feel jealous with the Apostles healing people?
3. Have you experienced jealousy over something good that happened to someone else? What caused you to feel this way? How did you react? What did you do about the jealousy? How long did it take you to get rid of the feeling?
4. Has God ever convinced you that something you were believing was not correct? What was the belief and how did God prove to you that you were incorrect? How difficult was it for you to change your mind and admit you were wrong?
5. The Apostles were brave to take a stand after breaking out of jail. Were they special in some way to become this brave? What gave them their bravery? Do we have this bravery in us? Why or why not?
6. Why don't we take this kind of brave stand in our lives today?
7. It only took a matter of weeks for the Apostles to fill Jerusalem with the gospel message. How long has it taken you to fill your workplace, neighborhood, etc. with the gospel message? What struggles are you facing that prevent you from filling it? If you have filled it, what are some benefits of doing so? What are some challenges you have since filling it?
8. Do you believe Jesus is exalted over everything and everyone? Do you act like you believe this? If so, how? If not, what actions of yours would lead people to think you believe someone else is higher than God?
9. Do you have a sin you need to repent of? What is keeping you from repentance?
10. What persecution are you facing for your stand for Christ?
11. How can we prepare for persecution?
12. What impossible thing do you need to trust God to do in your life?
13. Give an example of a time you obeyed God and an example of a time you disobeyed God. How did each experience make you feel?
14. How do you plan to be a witness this week wherever you go?
15. Take time to pray for the persecuted church.