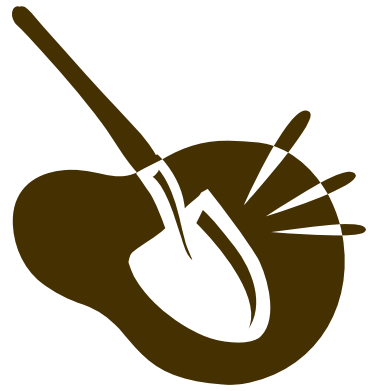


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These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: Lights, Camera, ACTS-ion
Sermon: *It Doesn't Get Any Easier*
Scripture: Acts 5:12-42

Getting Started

On the continuum below, rate where you think Life Spring is in terms of having a balance between the internal focus (country club mentality) and external focus (social worker attitude) that Pastor Paul talked about in this message:

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Country Club Mentality Social Worker Attitude

- What can we do as a church to achieve greater balance?

Bible Study Questions

1. How do you explain the fact that while unbelievers didn't "dare join" the disciples in the early church, they had such tremendous respect for the church (v. 12)? (Keep in mind what happened in Acts 5:1-11 to cause such fear in Jerusalem.)
2. The church in Acts placed great value on the purity and integrity of its members, as evidenced by God's severe judgment on Ananias and Sapphira. Read 2 Timothy 2:19-21. What does it teach about the need to maintain high moral standards as a believer?
3. Read the following verses and discuss what they teach us about persecution and suffering:
 - 1 Peter 3:17
 - 1 Peter 4:14
 - Romans 8:17
4. Read John 3:19-20. How do these verses help explain the refusal of the religious leaders to simply acknowledge Jesus as the Christ who enabled the Apostles do such miracles?
5. Discuss Gamaliel's response to these events (Acts 5:35-39). What wisdom was there in his words? In what way did his response fall short?

Apply It

What does the way you respond to adversity say about the legitimacy and reality of your faith?