



Week #9 // Living a Life that Matters

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### Coming Together

- What was the most fearful experience you have ever had?
- When the Bible says we are supposed to “fear the Lord” (Deut. 6:1-2; Ps 33:8-9), what do you supposed that means? How does it differ from our fearful experiences in life?

### Growing in Our Understanding

- Read Acts 5:11-14. How does Luke characterize the work of the Apostles in these verses? What was the impact of their work?
- How did some people reveal both superstition and confidence in the Apostles? See Acts 5:13-16.
- Why are the religious leaders so opposed to the ministry of the Apostles? See Acts 5:17.
- Read Acts 5:18-42. What were the most notable actions and responses of the following people?

The Religious Leaders

The Angel

The Apostles

Gamaliel

### Unwrapping God’s Principles

- How can we reconcile the statements in Acts 5:11, 13 about people being afraid, and yet the statement in Acts 5:14, about people continuing to place their faith in Christ?
- People were attracted to early church because of their reputation. What characteristics in Acts 5:11-42 contributed to the early church reputation?
- What is our church’s reputation in the community? What can we do to improve on this?
- What are some ways we can serve the sick and hurting in our church and community?

### Deepening Our Hearts for God

After reading and studying Acts 5, what have you learned about God and His expectations of His people?

### Looking Ahead

Read Acts 6:1-7. What is the cultural tension revealed in these verses? How does the church solve the issue?

