



## Week 8: This Life

In Acts 5, the early church discovers that integrity matters, opposition is inevitable, and the resurrection changes everything. Some are drawn to Jesus while others keep their distance, but nothing can stop what God is doing. Because Jesus is alive, obedience is worth the cost—and “this life” is meant to be lived and shared.

### Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Acts 5:12-16.** Some people kept their distance from the Church while others joined in. Why do you think the gospel can be attractive to some people and uncomfortable or threatening to others? What was your original response to the gospel and why?
2. **Read Acts 5:17-21.** When have you seen obedience to Jesus cost someone something—but also produce something good? What fears most often hold you back from fully obeying God?
3. Peter says “We must obey God rather than people” (Acts 5:29). What are some real-life situations where following Jesus could put you at odds with expectations at work, in relationships, or in culture? How does Peter’s response give you courage to lean in rather than back away?
4. Read **Acts 5:40-42.** The apostles rejoiced because they were “counted worthy” to suffer for Jesus. What would have to be true in your heart for suffering or inconvenience to be received that way? They couldn’t stop talking about “this life.” How has the resurrection life changed the way you live—or where do you want it to change you more?
5. Like the apostles, we’re called to “go and tell” others about “this life.” Who has God placed in your life that you might be overlooking as a mission opportunity? What step can you take with them this week to be obedient?