

## Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

### Redeemer

Reflection: Job 19:25; Galatians 3:10-14; Colossians 1:9-14;  
1 Peter 1:18-21; Revelation 5:9,10

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Life Response: Psalm 34:22; Hebrews 9:11-15

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## **A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit Boldly Declaring Truth - April 3, 2022**

### **Primary text: Acts 5:16-29**

The setting: *people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. - Acts 5:16*

Truth is seen as a danger by those who stand against it.

### **The religious leaders were enraged with the apostles because:**

- 1) They **denied** their doctrine.
- 2) They **defied** their authority.
- 3) They **denounced** their spirituality.
- 4) They were a **danger** to their influence

The truth cannot be stopped!

*"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." vs. 20*

Christ didn't set you free to **hide**.

You are freed so you can boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

A disciple shares what their rabbi **said** and **did**.

## Indictments against the apostle in verse 28

*"We strictly charged you not to teach in this name"*

*"you intend to bring this man's blood upon us."*

### The apostles declared truth by:

- [Obeying God](#) vs. 29
- [Confronting Sin](#) vs. 30
- [Exalting Christ](#) vs. 31
- [A willingness to be witnesses](#) vs. 32

Victorious Christians make waves, and the world and Satan will retaliate with persecution.

### With convicting preaching, there are three possible reactions:

- 1) [Violent hostility](#)
- 2) [Indifferent indecision](#)
- 3) [Saving acceptance](#)

*"If the gospel we preach is not convicting enough to ever make anyone angry, then it is not sufficiently convicting to bring anyone to salvation." - Pastor Daniel*

## Discussion Questions: Acts 5:16-29

- 1) What was happening in the church at the time of this passage? Review the events leading up to this point.
- 2) Why were the religious leaders, specifically the Sadducees, angry with the apostles?
- 3) Why is truth seen as a danger by those who oppose it?
- 4) The apostles were set free for a purpose; what was it? (see vs. 20)
- 5) What is the purpose for which Christ has set you free?
- 6) What were the indictments against the apostles by the High Priest? (vs. 28)
- 7) Look at the ways in which the apostles declared truth. What are some examples of these 4 things in your life?
- 8) Pastor Daniel shared, *"If the gospel we preach is not convicting enough to ever make anyone angry, then it is not sufficiently convicting to bring anyone to salvation."* What does this imply will take place when you share the Gospel? What are the 3 possibilities?

### Close in Prayer:

**Share the name of at least one individual that you know needs to hear the gospel. Pray around the circle for each other that God would give you boldness to declare the gospel to these individuals.**