

## Acts

*Gail Arterburn –2024*

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –02/19/24

Lesson 6  
Acts 5:17-42

1. Read Acts 5:17-42. You will notice there is a repeated cycle in the growth of the church. There are periods of blessing, belief, teaching and growth followed by periods of increasing opposition and persecution. What has happened as we pick up the story in 5:17-18? Why were the apostles (presumably all 12 of them) arrested? (see also 4:18-19, 29-31, 5:12-16)
2. How did God respond to the arrest of his Apostles? (5:19-21a) What did the high priest and his associates do the next morning? (5:21b-26)
3. What charges did the high priest bring against them before the Sanhedrin? (5:27-28)
4. What were the five major points of Peter's response? (5:29-32)
5. Why do you think the leaders so furious that they wanted to put the Apostles to death?
6. Who was Gamaliel? What was his advice to them? (5:33-39)
7. Where did Gamaliel's advice fall short? Is it possible to remain neutral about Jesus Christ?
8. What was the leaders final decision? (5:40-42)
9. How did the apostles respond to their punishment? Was it effective? (Matt 5:10-12, Phil 1:29-30, 1 Peter 4:14)
10. How is their pattern of evangelism applicable to us? (5:42)