

PBF CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of April 22-28, 2018

“The Church: ITS GATHERING & ITS GOING”

Synopsis of Acts 5:11-42 Here’s another one of the early episodes of the church. This segment shows God’s work to grow His church to a greater size & influence. This shows the importance of the church “gathering & going” as a theme for ministry. But both have to be activated to provide good balance in serving the Lord!

Getting started: Share a life illustration or metaphor for the theme — *“Gathering & Going”* (for instance – a football team first huddles <gather> then they break to execute their play <go>)

Into The Bible:

1. Why were there so many miracles in the early church?
Who performed the miracles? Why them & not just any believer?
2. Should we be seeing God work more in our day?
3. What was so funny about the report of the prisoners being out in the temple courtyard? Did the Council ask how they got out?
4. What caused them to want to kill the apostles? (vs.30-33)

5. What was the Council really upset about?
6. When is it right to disobey civil authorities? Should believers try to overthrow evil rulers... such as Hitler?
7. With all the miracles (vs.11-16) why didn’t God spare them from the beatings they received in vs.40?

Application:

8. How can you help yourself & your family to improve on sharing the **“Words of this Life”**? (vs.20)
9. What is the big difference between witnessing & evangelism?
10. Who can you pray for to announce the good news to this week?