

TITLE: When Trouble Comes – Part 2

TEXT: Acts 5:17-42

PROP.: We must stand in the authority of God with the Gospel!

INTER.: What should we expect when we commit to evangelism?

I. The Arrest

II. The Arraignment

1. The Court Room
 1. Prosecutors Become Powerless

 2. Persecuted Become Prosecutors

 3. Prosecutors Become Persecutors

2. The Counsel
 1. The Mediator

 2. The Message

 3. The Conclusion

III. The Acclamation

1. Their Rejoicing

2. Their Responding

ABF Discussion Exercises

As we consider the work of evangelism today we must be aware that as we work for God there is always going to be a “Sanhedrin” that stands in opposition, but we are servants of a Sovereign who has given a Savior and is working through His Spirit to bring men to repentance! When facing opposition, we must “obey God rather than men!”

Check In: It has been a long time since the last message from Acts. Can anyone give a testimony of having shared the gospel with great boldness?

1. The blindness of unbelief.

“Unbelief is not due to insufficient evidence; it is due to a hardened heart.”

Have you ever done something that you could clearly see was wrong? Why or why not?

Read Ephesians 4:17-19 and discuss the following questions:

Greediness is mentioned in v19: What was the Sanhedrin greedy for in Acts 5?

Futile thinking is mentioned v17: What is futile about Gamaliel’s reasoning? (hint: if Jesus was from God, what should he have told them to do in **Acts 5:38?**)

Read Amos 5:10, Acts 5:33; 7:54 and discuss the following questions:

Discuss how people respond when confronted with their sin.

Discuss how you respond when confronted with your sin.

2. The suffering that comes with belief.

“When suffering is considered a privilege, then preaching will not cease, even when threatened for persisting to proclaim the good news of the gospel.”

Read the following passages and discuss your present day application:

1 Peter 2:20 – How does consequence for doing right emboldens the spirit to do right?

2 Timothy 3:12 – How you will face consequence for doing right?

Acts 5:41-42 – How does resistance encourage us to press the gospel even more?

Takeaway

Close in prayer for one another, that we would be thoughtful and deliberate in sharing the Name of Jesus Christ. Ask one another next week about the opportunities to suffer consequences for the Gospel.