



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Genuine Community, Suffering, & Gospel Sharing
Book Theme: Growth Of The Church
Chapters: Acts 5 - 8, **July 19th, 2023**

Central Text: Acts 5:41-42, NKJV, 41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42 And **daily** in the temple, and **in every house**, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

1. Seeking Relational Community for Notoriety, Popularity, and Selfish Gain Causes Spiritual Death, Community Expulsion, and Division - Acts 5:1-11

Question for Dialogue - Genuine relationships are hard to come by because of the hidden selfish motives of people. How can we get past the fake to establish genuine connections?

2. Genuine Community, Where God's Spirit Dwells, Causes Spiritual Healing and Spiritual Growth - Acts 5:12-16

Question for Dialogue - What do you enjoy about being around people, who genuinely love Jesus and show it with how they speak to and treat others?

3. The Attacks of Evil People, Who Are Jealous of Our Genuine Community, Even The Type That Involves Physical Suffering, Won't Prevail over the Spiritual Covering of Those Obediently Surrendered To God's Will. Instead It will Have The Opposite Effect To Further Motivate Fruitful Ministry. Persecution Grows The Church. Great Rescue, Salvation, & Transformation Occurs When Holy Spirit Led Men & Women of God share Jesus' Healing and Graceful Gospel. - Acts 5:17-42, Acts 6:8-Acts 8:3-7

Question for Dialogue: How has the enemy tried to stop you from bearing spiritual fruit for Jesus by spiritually investing in other's lives?

4. Targeted Ministry Based On Gifts Is Needed And Biblical. When We're In Our Lanes Sharing Jesus' Story & Our Story, People Accept Christ and Follow Him. - Acts 6:1-7

Question for Dialogue: What can you do to get active sharing Jesus' story and love to people who you love deeply?

5. Bitter Jealousy, Glory-seeking, Attention-seeking, and Corrupt Motives Have No Place In Ministry Service Pursuits. - Acts 8:14-25

Question For Dialogue: We must always do the right things for the right reasons. How often and why should we reevaluate our motives in our service to God?

6.Listen For Where The Lord Leads You; People Will Need To Hear The Gospel And Be Transformed There. - Acts 8:26-40

Question For Dialogue: What are some ways we can be sensitive to God's voice on the places He wants us to go and serve?

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