

**HOME GROUP QUESTIONS: 4/23/2017**      **New Life**

Acts 5:17-42

1. What were the disciples doing that upset the High Priest and the Sadducees? How did the religious leaders try to stop them?
2. What did God tell the disciples to do? How did they get out of jail?
3. What did Peter mean by “they must obey God rather than men”? What was the Good News that they are speaking about?
4. Has the Lord asked you to do something hard? Is it easy to obey God rather than men? What temptations or fears do people face?
5. What were the religious leaders’ response when Peter said this?
6. What wisdom did Gamaliel speak? Did they just let the disciples go?
7. Does God’s protection mean that we’ll never suffer? What does it mean?
8. If that was you, how would you respond? How did the disciples respond?
9. Why do people sometimes make compromises? What could they lose by compromising?
10. When things have gotten tough in your own life, whose path have you chosen ... yours, God’s or a compromise? What were the results or the consequences of your choices?
11. Have you ever prayed, “Lord make me more like you?” How do you respond when circumstances that can produce this happen?
12. How can suffering develop character? How can we trust God when there’s suffering for doing the right thing? Do others notice when we go through tough times? What do they see?
13. How have you responded in the past: have a pity party, play the “victim” or do you press in to whatever God is doing? How can we choose to see the joy & blessings instead of bitterness as God works in our lives?
14. How can we set a Godly example throughout our lives? How can God use these experiences to advance His Kingdom in us ... and through us?
15. Do you have Good News to share? How has Jesus given you opportunities and new life?