

## **Who Said Anything About Safe?**

**Main Scripture:** Acts 5:12-21

**Additional Scriptures:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:1, 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 3:2-3,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:12, Acts 14:21-22, Matthew 5:10-12, Acts 5:40-41

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- **Read Acts 5:15.** Pastor Mike told the story of giving a Snickers bar to one of his kids and the others being upset because they did get one. In the same way, sometimes when we see favor on another believer's life, we can get jealous. Do you have a hard time seeing God move through other people's lives and being happy for them? Why do you think that is?
  - How can you be happy for someone when God is moving in them in a way or situation that you have been wanting to happen to/for yourself?
- **Read 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:1.** How do we arm ourselves and prepare for suffering?
- Much like our decision to follow Jesus, the decision to suffer for the Gospel is one that we need to make. Have you ever decided and proclaimed that you are going to suffer for the Gospel? Why or why not?
  - Why is this a hard step for most of us to take if we are honest about what we are saying?
- Pastor Mike said that you know something is valuable by how much someone is willing to pay for it. How have you/do you show that the Gospel is valuable to you in your everyday life?
- **Read Acts 5:19.** God won't keep you from going to prison, but He knows how to open prison doors! What prison doors do you need open in your life? (Addiction, depression, bitterness, unforgiveness, specific situations, etc.)
- **Read Matthew 5:10.** The Bible says that when we suffer persecution, the Kingdom is ours (in the present tense.) Has anyone ever experienced the Kingdom coming through persecution (even "American persecution", which is more along the lines of rejection and not necessarily violence)?
- Pastor Mike said that "we get so distorted by the old life (movies, hobbies, Gator sports, etc.) that we forget about the new life we have in Jesus."
  - What is some of the "old life" that you get caught up in?
  - How can we stir one another up for our "new life" in Jesus?
- **Read Acts 5:20.** What temples is God calling you to go bring Jesus to? Where or who in your life do you know that God has called you to?

### **Doing: Application**

- As a small group, have everyone take out their VIP cards and pray over them. Challenge the group to not talk to God about them, but talk to them about God. Cast vision for sharing the Gospel with your VIP people!