

Acts of the Apostles: *Ministry & Hostility*

Week of March 2, 2025

Acts 5:12-42

1. Gospel Ministry Enriches the Poor in Spirit (v12-16)
2. Gospel Ministry Enrages the Prideful (17-40)
3. Gospel Ministry Energizes the People of God (v41-42)

Read Acts 5:12-16

What does it mean to come to Jesus as one “poor in spirit”?

Is the healing performed here unique? What role does the church have in healing people today?

What can we learn about the church’s God given strategy for reaching the lost from this passage?

Read Acts 5:17-40

Why should we expect opposition when we do faithful gospel ministry?

How do we show faithfulness in the face of opposition against the Gospel?

Read Acts 5:41-42

What does this passage teach us about being ready to present the gospel at all times?

For Further Consideration and Application:

How do some people try to intimidate Christians today?

How can you serve the “poor in spirit”?

Prayer Prompt:

Spend some time praying for the persecuted church around the world.