

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from March 6, 2011 “The Arrest of the Apostles” Acts 5:17-32

Observing the text

Compare and contrast the arrest in Acts 5:17-32 with the earlier arrest in Acts 4:22.

What was the Jewish leaders’ biggest concern? Why?

Why did God release the apostles when they were just going to end up immediately arrested anyway?

What elements of Peter’s address to the council in Acts 5:29-32 produced the reaction found in Acts 5:33?

Applying the sermon

What type of persecution have you ever had to face for the sake of Christ? How did you respond?

Have you ever been asked not to speak about Christ in order for things to be more peaceful for the status quo?

When have you seen believers wrongly apply Peter’s statement “we must obey God rather than men?”

How fearful are you of repercussions of speaking about your faith in Christ? What do you think will help you become more courageous?