

THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

Acts 5:17-26

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ESCAPE FROM PRISON

1

Why are the Sadducees jealous of the apostles? Why might they think that arresting the apostles is the answer?

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Have you seen jealousy as a motivation for opposition to the gospel?

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Are there similarities between this prison escape narrative and the account of the empty tomb of the resurrection? Why might there be echoes of the resurrection here?

4

Even if we never experience imprisonment (or escape), how does the resurrection impact how we think of our own challenges in the Christian life?

5

We see a renewal of persecution in this second arrest of the apostles. What are the similarities and differences between this account and what occurred in Acts 4: 1-22?

6

The angel who frees the apostles instructs them to go to the temple and “speak to the people all the words of this Life” (v. 20). What are the words of this Life?

7

How does this story demonstrate God’s sovereignty over the rulers of the world?

8

“God is capable of breaking into what you can’t break out of”—how does this apply to your life right now? How might this promote contentment even in the face of confinement?

