




COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: As Christians, we have a Great Commission to spread the good news, even in difficult circumstances.

HEAD CHANGE: We must obey God rather than human authorities when there's a conflict.

HEART CHANGE: We must be open to receiving messages from God, even from unexpected sources.

LIFE CHANGE: It's crucial to consider our opinions and responses carefully to avoid fighting against God.

OVERVIEW

In this powerful message, we're challenged to examine our role as messengers of God's truth. The central theme revolves around the apostles' unwavering commitment to spread the Gospel, as depicted in Acts 5:27-39. We're reminded that as Christians, we too have been given a Great Commission to deliver God's message, even in the face of opposition. The story of Rowan from 'A Message to Garcia' serves as a poignant illustration of dedication to one's mission. Just as Rowan persevered through obstacles to deliver his message, we're called to courageously share the Good News, regardless of the challenges we may face. This message encourages us to reflect on our own commitment to God's calling and to consider how we can be more faithful witnesses in our daily lives.

“And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.””

Acts 5:27-32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you to "deliver the message" as a Christian? How can we balance boldness with humility?
2. How can we ensure we're speaking truth in love, rather than from a place of self-righteousness or desire to be offensive?
3. The sermon warns against dismissing people based on their identity, ideology, or social location. How can we be more open to hearing from those who are different from us?
4. Gamaliel advised the Sanhedrin to "consider carefully" their actions. How can we apply this advice in our daily lives and decision-making processes?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for giving us the courage to deliver God's message faithfully and for openness to receive your truth, even when it challenges us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!