



## **Small Group Discussion Questions**

**Following the Weekend of Apr 12-13, 2025**

**No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.**

**With You**

**(Acts 5:27-42)**

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## **Group Interaction & Application**

Read aloud Acts 5:27-42.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Stetson's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

When, if ever, have you experienced a negative outcome from doing what you were confident was the right thing to do?

How did this make you feel?

As you read about the boldness being displayed by the apostles amidst the suffering/persecution they encountered, what thoughts does this spark?

In vs 29, the apostles state to the Sanhedrin that, "We must obey God rather than human beings."

When have you encountered a situation where you were challenged to decide between obeying God vs. those around you?

How did you navigate this situation?

What was the outcome?

In vs. 32-39, Gamaliel, a Pharisee, suggests to his colleagues that God's presence (or lack thereof) within these events would reveal itself in time.

Like the apostles, when have you been equipped to take a challenging stand because you were convinced God was with you – and that truth would be revealed and justice restored?

When, if ever, have you felt a lack of God's presence while facing a challenging situation?

How did you navigate this reality?

Pastor Stetson suggests that suffering in and of itself is not confirmation you are in God's will. And that a better judge of this is not whether you are experiencing suffering, but to ask, "Is God present in this suffering?"

When have you been able to rejoice in your suffering because you were confident you were in God's presence and obeying God's will?

As you think about the photo of the tree Pastor Stetson shared, what level of comfort does it bring to you to know that God shares in our experiences, both good and bad?

How fully do you believe this reality to be true?

If you long to experience this reality more fully, what step could you take to make this so?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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