

## **“Problems with Power”**

Are you more likely to get in trouble at home, at church, or at school?

Read Acts 5:12-42 through Acts 6:7.

1. What did the disciples/apostles do that was similar to what Jesus had done?
  - A. Miracles.
  - B. Taught the multitudes.
  - C. Cast out demons.
  - D. Spent the entire night in prayer.
  - E. Resurrected the dead.
  - F. Had a close relationship with the Jewish religious leaders.
  - G. Healed the sick.
  - H. Hung out with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.
  - I. Other.
  
2. Why did the religious leaders try to shut down Christ’s disciples?
  - A. The disciples/apostles were doing more harm than good.
  - B. For the same reason(s) they went after Christ.
  - C. The religious leaders had too much to lose.
  - D. Jealousy—more people were starting to follow the apostles.
  - E. They had to stop the heresy.
  - F. God wanted them to stop these young upstarts.
  - G. Older people usually know more than younger people.
  - H. The “new wine” was bursting their “old wineskins” (reference Mark 2:22).
  - I. Other.
  
3. What should the disciples have done when released from jail?
  - A. Go into hiding.
  - B. Leave Jerusalem and go up north to the Sea of Galilee.
  - C. Flee to Egypt like Mary and Joseph did with baby Jesus.
  - D. Turn to the Roman soldiers for help against the temple soldiers.
  - E. Follow the angel who released them from jail.
  - F. Follow the angel’s instructions.
  - G. Greet the religious leaders as they went to their high council meeting.
  - H. Return to the temple like they were before their arrest.
  - I. Other.

4. What made Gamaliel so wise?
  - A. His wisdom truly came from God.
  - B. Years of experience.
  - C. God spoke to him in dreams and visions.
  - D. He didn't let his emotions control his reasoning.
  - E. He had the apostles physically removed from the courtroom.
  - F. Gamaliel always seemed to know what to say, and what not to say.
  - G. He saw God's actions in what the apostles were doing.
  - H. He compared the present emergency with the past and the future.
  - I. Other.
  
5. What would make you as passionate about Jesus as the apostles were?
  - A. Being with Jesus for 3 ½ years would make a difference.
  - B. Seeing Jesus after His miraculous resurrection.
  - C. Getting thrown in jail.
  - D. Having the Holy Spirit fall like fire.
  - E. Experiencing some suffering or danger on account of Jesus.
  - F. Doing miracles in the name of Jesus.
  - G. Expecting Jesus to return soon—very soon.
  - H. I would need to take more risks for Christ.
  - I. Other.
  
6. What were some of the church problems recorded in Acts 6?
  - A. Lack of money.
  - B. The number of new believers was growing too fast.
  - C. Ethnic divisions among the believers.
  - D. The feeding program for those who were hungry.
  - E. Not enough time to pray.
  - F. More volunteers needed for the church's ministry.
  - G. Lack of people filled with the Holy Spirit.
  - H. Serving others became more important than worshiping God.
  - I. Other.
  
7. What would it take for you to do what the apostles did?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What do you think your church needs more of an emphasis on, connecting with God or serving others? What about you personally?