

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 5:12-42

- **Verses 11-16** continue to give us a “snapshot” of life for the early church. Note each picture that Luke gives us.
- What is different about what you see in those snapshots from how things are today? Is anything the same or at least similar?
- Why do you suppose the believers met in the Temple area?
- What kind of excitement and attention do you think was generated by what Luke describes in **verses 16**?
- Luke reveals the motives of the Sadducees in **verse 17**. Why do you think that information is important?
- Why is it ironic that God would send an angel to release the apostles who had been imprisoned by the Sadducees?
- Why do you think the Religious Leaders never asked the apostles how they got out of the prison?
- What does Peter say about obedience in **verse 29**?
- Why were the Religious leaders enraged?
- What was Gamaliel’s argument?
- How did the Sanhedrin respond to what Gamaliel said?
- What does **verse 42** tell you about how the disciples received the threats of the Religious Leaders?
- What do you feel was the most important truth from this study?