



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

## December 6 Discussion Questions

### “To Fill the City”

#### Acts 5:12-42

### *Preview*

#### **4 Keys to Gospel Saturation:**

*“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” Matthew 28:18*

#### **1. Our Authority to preach the Gospel (v. 11-16)**

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19a*

#### **2. Our Commission to preach the Gospel (v. 20, 29, 32)**

*“Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19b-20a*

#### **3. Our Expectation in preaching the Gospel**

- God’s Word will always be **Opposed** (v. 17-18, 22-28, 33, 40)
- God’s people will always be **Protected** (v. 19, 34-39)
- God will always call **Some** to respond (v. 14)

*“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b*

#### **4. Our Perseverance in preaching the Gospel (v. 41-42)**

*“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.” Acts 5:28*

## **Connect**

1. What special traditions do you celebrate with your family for Christmas? What makes it meaningful to you?
2. Is there anything new you'd like to do this year to enrich your heart and mind with the significance of Christ's first coming?

## **Read Acts 5:12-42**

### **Discuss**

3. What was the state of the church in v.12-16?
4. According to Acts 4:17 & 28, what two things were being filled up in Jerusalem?
5. What is the difference between the divine jealousy of God (see Exodus 34:14) and the jealousy of these high priests in v.17? What does it mean for us to share God's divine jealousy?
6. What obstacle did God overcome for the apostles in this passage? What obstacles do we face in the propagation of the Gospel? In what way can God overcome these obstacles? Do you have an example from your life?
7. Read Matthew 28:18-19. In our passage today, Jesus expresses His authority over sickness and demons. How does the accompaniment of Jesus' authority encourage you in making disciples?
8. How did the apostles respond to the beating they received in v.41? Why do you think they reacted this way? What is the relationship between suffering and the expanse of the Gospel? (see John 12:24 & 2 Timothy 3:12)
9. In what way is Charles Simeon's story encouraging to you? What do we learn from his life?

### **Apply**

10. What is your honest heart response to suffering for the Gospel? What suffering, small or large, might you receive for taking a bold step in reaching others? Why is this suffering worth it?
11. What adjustments, small or large, might you make to your schedule to increase the intentionality of your missional investment?
12. What is a practical way you can love a neighbor or coworker during the Christmas season? Can our group hold you accountable to follow through with it?

### **Pray**

Spend time asking God to give you clarity about the best way you can consistently connect with unbelievers for the sake of shining the light of Jesus in their lives.

## **Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team**

**Personal Prayer Focus:** "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." Pray for God's heart and strength to increase your missional consistency.