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## ***Counted Worthy*** **Acts 5:33-42**

### **I. Aversion Full of Anger and Malice (v. 33)**

A. They \_\_\_\_\_ what was said (Acts 5:28-32)

B. They were \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 7:52-54; Heb. 4:12)

C. They wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 37:12, 14, 32; Matt. 23:34, 37)

### **II. Adopt a “Wait and See” Approach (vv. 34-39)**

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ was rendered (vv. 34-35) [Acts 22:3]

B. Two \_\_\_\_\_ were cited (vv. 36-37) [Matt. 12:30]

C. Gamaliel’s advice was \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 38-39) [2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7-8; 4:7]

### **III. Affirm the Gospel with Joy at Any Cost (vv. 40-42)**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ that you may receive (v. 40) [Deut. 25:3; Acts 4:18; 22:19; Mk. 13:9; Lk. 23:16]

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ that we should offer (v. 41) [Matt. 5:12; 1 Pet. 4:13-16]

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ that we should continue (v. 42) [Acts 2:42; 17:6; 2 Cor. 2:15-16]

### **TAKE HOME**

- How do you ***respond*** to others when they are enraged at you for preaching the gospel?
- How can you ***encourage*** someone not to take a “wait and see” approach?
- Are you willing to affirm the gospel and preach it with ***joy*** at any cost?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placritachurch.com](http://placritachurch.com).

1. Read Acts 5:33. Why was the Jewish council so mad at the apostles? What exactly did the Jewish leaders hear that made them so upset? (Acts 5:28-32)

2. Read Acts 7:52-54 and Hebrews 4:12. How does this further add insight as to why the Jewish leaders were enraged? How does Psa. 37:12, 14, 32; Matt. 23:34, 37 add to the conversation?

3. Read Acts 5:34-35. Who exactly was Gamaliel? (Acts 22:3) Why was he held in such high honor? Why did he ask that the men be placed outside?

4. Read Acts 5:36-37. Who was Theudas and Judas the Galilean? What did they do? Why did that matter?

5. Read Acts 5:38-39. What was Gamaliel’s advice? Do you think this was good advice or bad advice? Please explain your answer. (2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7-8; 4:7)

6. Read Acts 5:40-42. How does this passage end? How does Matthew 5:12 and 1 Peter 4:13-16 prepare us for what we may face one day?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

*“The command that accompanied the beating was foolish and futile; they might as well have ordered the sun not to shine as to command the disciples to keep silent concerning the name of Jesus!”*

- William MacDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*