

***“Unstoppable”***  
Acts 5:12-42  
Series: *In Search of Church*  
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God’s mission of spreading His gospel through His church is unstoppable.

1. CIVIC POPULARITY (v. 12-16)
2. UNCIVIL AUTHORITIES (v. 17-26)
3. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE (v. 27-40)
4. UNSTOPPABLE CELEBRATING (v. 41-42)

*READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 6:1-7*

**ABF/Small Group Guide**

1. ICEBREAKER: In your stage of life, what word best describes you: courageous or fearful? Why?

READ ACTS 5:12-42

2. Describe the varied responses of the people to the ministry of the Apostles in verses 12-16.
3. What possible reasons can you see in our text for the Sadducees’ jealousy?
4. Why were the Apostles arrested and what were they charged with?
5. What are the main points of Peter’s response to the arrest and questioning?
6. When is civil disobedience permissible or even appropriate?
7. Are Gamaliel’s observations and conclusion in verses 5:33-39 accurate? Why or why not?
8. For you, what are the implications of a God-fueled movement that cannot be stopped?
9. How is this episode an escalation of persecution of Christians?
10. Why do the Apostles rejoice in their suffering?
11. In what ways do your trials help you identify with Christ? Give an example.
12. How does this passage encourage or challenge you?
13. How can we pray for you this week?