



# Lesson Discussion Sheet:

## *Peter's Power Source*

As a family, use this Discussion Sheet after reading the lesson scriptures.

### READ Acts 5:17-42, then DISCUSS:

- When the angel released the disciples (referred as apostles in Acts) from jail, they were instructed to “tell the people all about this new life”. **What is the new life?**
- **What shadow blocked God's light from shining on the group of high priests?**
- One shadow can often lead to many more shadows. In this case, the priests were jealous of the disciples. **What other shadows developed as a result of their jealousy?**
- The same thing can happen to us. If we allow a shadow (like jealousy in this case) to remain in our heart and mind, it can lead to other shadows. When this happens, recognize your shadows, then go to God to ask for His forgiveness and guidance away from the shadows. This act of going to God is “turning towards God's light”.
- Later in the story, the disciples are once again apprehended by the priests. Verses 29-32 reveal Peter's response to the group of angry priests. Think about our previous lessons on Peter. **How is Peter's reaction (in Verses 29-32) different compared to his reaction while: a) fishing with Jesus; b) walking towards Jesus on the water; and c) following Jesus as He was being persecuted prior to His crucifixion?**
- **Why do you think Peter's reaction is different this time? What is his source of courage and confidence (to confront the high priests)?**
- In Verse 34, we are introduced to a Pharisee named Gamaliel. **Was Gamaliel for or against the death sentence for the disciples?**
- Standing up for others, especially when the majority of people are against you, takes a lot of courage. **Have you ever been in a situation where you stood up for what was right? How did you feel? How might you feel?**
- In verse 41, we find the disciples rejoicing of their suffering for God. Being a follower of Jesus is like riding a roller coaster. Sometimes spreading the good news may come easier for us. And then there may be days when it's difficult. In either situation, we are called to continuously give praises to God.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this lesson. May God bless you and keep you and yours.

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# Family Activity Sheet:

## *Get Stirred Up!*

### **SUPPLIES:**

- Drinking Glasses (glass is preferred so participants can see inside)
- Try to find ONE of the following group of items in your home:
  - Milk + Chocolate Syrup
  - Water + Unsweetened Lemon Juice + Sugar
  - Water + Sweetener + whatever other ingredient you wish to make up a new, sweet drink

### **INSTRUCT:**

Invite your family to the table, which should have your drinking glasses/cups, and one of the group of items (listed above).

**Today, we are going to make and enjoy some chocolate milk/lemonade/(insert the name of your new, sweet drink). I'm going to go ahead and make our drinks for you all.** (Pour ingredients into glasses. Then hand over the glasses WITHOUT stirring the ingredients.) **There you go. Go ahead and take a BIG gulp, and let me know what you think.** (Smile...BIG!)

Your family should hopefully give you blank stares, and let you know the ingredients need to be stirred before drinking it. **Respond: Oh, what a great idea! Let's stir it up.** (Stir the drinks.) **Is this better?**

### **DISCUSS (AS YOU ENJOY YOUR DRINKS):**

- This drink is a lot like our relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- Imagine we are the milk/water, and the Holy Spirit is the chocolate syrup/lemon juice/sugar/sweeteners/etc.
- God gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can invite the Holy Spirit to dwell/live in us, but that doesn't mean He is in control of every part of our lives.
- The Holy Spirit can "sweeten" and enrich our lives by taking part of every aspect of it. When we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us and stir our hearts, we begin to think and act like Jesus instead of living for ourselves.
- We need to have the Holy Spirit to not only fill us, but to also control us! We need Him to be "stirred up" inside of us to truly be filled with God's light.
- Simply being filled by the Holy Spirit is like me simply pouring all of the ingredients into your glasses, without stirring it. If you take a drink without stirring, it would not have been sweet!

**Close your activity in prayer.** Have each family member give praises and thanks to God. Invite the Holy Spirit to not only fill each of you, but to also stir your hearts and minds to live fully for Jesus. If any of you are being faced with a challenge or shadow in your current season, ask Him to stir up peace in your hearts and great faith in God. Amen.