

The Witness Posture: Reverent

Text: Acts 5:1-16

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Big Idea: To live as a faithful witness for Christ, we must live with an increasing reverence of Christ.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- What is the setting and what is happening?
- Who are the main characters?
- Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- What is the overall theme of the text?
- Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- What is the next step that I need to take too see this happen?

Question #5

- What does it mean to live with reverence before the Lord?
- What are some things that hinder a deepening fear of the Lord in your life? Why those?
- Why is living with a posture of reverence before the Lord essential for living as a faithful witness?
- Spend time in prayer as a group praying specifically for those areas you mentioned in part b.

Question #6

- Rd Ephesians 4:15-16:** Are only church leaders supposed to address sin in the church?
- Rd. Gal. 6:1:** How does God instruct us to approach our brothers and sisters when sin arises?
- Rd. Galatians 6:2:** Once sin is addressed, how are we called to walk with them for restoration?
- How does living with a reverence for the Lord over man, enable us to address sin in our lives and in the lives of others?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Acts 5:1-16. Some prompts are below.

- ADORATION:** Lord, You are a holy God who_____
- CONFESSION:** Lord, I repent of excusing _____ sin in my life
- THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, thank you for Your grace that_____
- SUPPLICATION:** Lord, I ask you for...i) Increasing holiness in_____ ii) Greater gospel work in your church through_____

Memory Verse:

“And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,”-Acts 5:14

