

Acts 5:25-42 Study Guide

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the CSB (Christian Standard Bible). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons, except Day 1, to help you with the missing words. If you have any questions, write them down and we can talk about them in Sunday School.

Day 1 (Acts 5:1-24 Review)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 5** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

Use your Bible today to answer the following questions about what we learned from the first 24 verses of Acts 5:

- In **verses 1 & 2**, explain what Ananias and his wife, Sapphira did: _____

- In **verse 3**, who does Peter say filled Ananias' heart to lie to the Holy Spirit so he could keep back some of the profit from the land? _____.
- Complete the following statements that Peter said to Ananias in **verse 4**:
 - Did the land not belong to _____ before you sold it?
 - And after you _____ it, was not the money still yours?
 - Why did _____ do this?
 - You have not lied to men, but to _____.
- After Ananias heard these words of Peter, in **verse 5**, he fell down at his feet and _____.
 - Great _____ came over all who heard of this.
- In **verse 6**, young men rose up and _____ Ananias.
- How many hours later, in **verse 7**, did Ananias' wife (Sapphira) come into the temple? _____
 - Did she know what happened to her husband? (**See verse 7**) _____
- In **verse 8**, what did Peter ask Sapphira, Ananias' wife? _____

 - What was Sapphira's response? _____
- In **verse 9**, Who does Peter say that Sapphira and her husband, Ananias agree together to put to the test? _____
- As a result, what does Peter say will happen to Sapphira? (**See verse 9**)

- In **verse 10**, what happened to Sapphira? _____
- In **verses 11**, great fear seized the whole _____ (this is the first mention of this group of believers called "the church").
- From **verse 12-16**, we see God growing the church. The Jewish leaders, in **verse 17** become _____
- What do the Jewish leaders do to the apostles in **verse 18**? _____

- What happens, in **verse 19**, to the apostles that night in this public jail? _____

- What did this angel tell them, in **verse 20**? _____

- In **verse 21**, what did they do? _____
- What did all of the Jewish leaders order to have done in **verse 21**? _____
- In **verses 22 and 23**, describe what the guards discovered when they went to the prison house? _____

- When the Jewish leaders heard that the prison house was empty, how does the Scripture describe how they felt?(**verse 24**) _____

Day 2 (Acts 5: 25-28)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 5** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

25 Someone came and reported to them, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” **26** Then the commander went with the servants and brought them in without force, because they were afraid the people might stone them. **27** After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin, and the high priest asked, **28** “Didn’t we strictly order you not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Verse 25:

- _____ came and reported to them, “Look! The men _____ put in jail are standing in the _____ and teaching the _____-.
- **Question** - What did someone come and report to the Jewish leaders? _____

Verse 26:

- Then the _____ went with the servants and _____ them in without force, because they _____ afraid the people _____ stone them.

Questions:

- How did the commander bring back the apostles who were teaching in the temple? _____
- Why did they bring them into the Jewish leaders without force? _____

Verse 27-28:

- After they _____ them in, they had _____ stand before _____ Sanhedrin,
- and the high priest asked, “Didn’t we strictly order you not to teach in this name?”
- Look, you _____ filled Jerusalem _____ your teaching
- and are _____ to make us guilty of _____ man’s blood.”

Questions:

- After the apostles were brought into the Jewish leaders, what did they have to stand before? _____
Note: The Sanhedrin (pronounced “San-heed-rin”) was the supreme governing authority among the Jews. It was made up of 70 Jewish leaders and the high priest. They sat in a circle with the accused in the center of the circle.
- What did the high priest remind them that they were strictly ordered not to do? _____
 - Write out **Acts 4:18**: _____

- What does the high priest say that the apostles have filled Jerusalem with? _____
- What does the high priest say that the apostles are determined to make them guilty of? _____
 - Write out **Matthew 27:25**: _____

The Jewish leaders, like every unrepentant sinner, will not take responsibility for their actions. Unless the sinner recognizes their fallenness, they will not seek God and will die in their sins. This is what Jesus meant when He said, in **Matthew 9:13**, that He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. A person can’t repent of sin if they don’t think they are sinning. (see **1 John 1:8**)

Day 3 (Acts 5:29-32)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 5** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

29 Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than people. **30** The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. **31** God exalted this man to his right hand as ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32** We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Verse 29:

- Peter and the _____ replied, "We _____ obey God rather _____ people.
- **Questions:**
- Who did Peter and the apostles say they had to obey rather than people? _____
- Write out **1 Samuel 15:22b**: _____

- **Note:** whenever we see a Bible verse listed with an "a" or a "b" after the numbers, this indicates if it is the first portion (the letter "a") of the verse or the last portion ("b") of the verse.
- According to **Acts 4:19-20**, what was Peter's response to them when these Jewish leaders told them not to speak or teach in the Name of Jesus? _____

Verse 30:

- The God of _____ ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you _____ murdered by hanging him _____ a tree.
- **Questions:**
- Who raised up Jesus? _____
- What did these Jewish leaders do to Jesus? _____
- How did these Jewish leaders have Jesus murdered? _____
 - Remember that a cross was made of wood from a tree.

Verse 31:

- God exalted _____ man to his _____ hand as ruler _____ Savior, to _____ repentance to Israel and forgiveness of _____.
- **Questions:**
- How did God exalt "this man" (Jesus)?
 - To his ("God's) right _____ as _____ and _____
- Why was the purpose of God doing this? To give _____ to Israel and _____ of sins.

Verse 32:

- We _____ witnesses of _____ things, and _____ is the Holy Spirit _____ God has given _____ those who obey him."
- **Questions:**
- What are Peter and the apostles of "these things"? _____
- How would you define "a witness"? _____
- Who else is a "Witness" of "these things"? The _____.
- Who does God give the Holy Spirit to? Those who _____.
- Write out **1John 2:3**: _____
- According to **1John 2:3**, how do we know that we have come to know the Lord? If we keep _____

Day 4 (Acts 5:33-39)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 5** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. **34** But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was respected by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered the men [c] to be taken outside for a little while. **35** He said to them, "Men of Israel, be careful about what you're about to do to these men. **36** Some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, and all his followers were dispersed and came to nothing. **37** After this man, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and attracted a following. He also perished, and all his followers were scattered. **38** So in the present case, I tell you, stay away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will fail; **39** but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even be found fighting against God." They were persuaded by him.

Verse 33:

- When they _____ this, they were enraged _____ wanted to kill them.
- **Question:** When the Jewish leaders heard Peter say this, what was their reaction? _____.

Verse 34:

- But _____ Pharisee named Gamaliel, a _____ of the law who _____ respected by all the people, _____ up in the Sanhedrin and _____ the men to be taken _____ for a little while.
- **Questions:**
- Who stood up in the Sanhedrin and order the men to be taken outside for a little while? _____
- How was the Pharisee named Gamaliel regarded by all of the people? _____

Verse 35:

- He _____ to them, "Men of _____, be careful _____ what you're about to _____ to these men.
- **Question:** What did Gamaliel, this respected Pharisee say to the "men of Israel"? _____

Verse 36:

- Some _____ ago Theudas rose _____, claiming to _____ somebody, and a _____ of about four hundred men rallied _____ him. He was killed, and _____ his followers were _____ and came to nothing..
- **Questions:**
 - What did Theudas rise up and claim? _____
 - How many many men rallied to him (Theudas)? _____
 - What did Theudas' followers do when he was killed? _____

Verse 37:

- After this man, Judas the _____ rose up in _____ days of the _____ and attracted a _____.
- He _____ perished, and all _____ followers _____ scattered.
- **Questions:**
- What happened when Judas* the Galilean rose up in the days of the census? He attracted _____
- What happened when Judas* the Galilean perished? _____

Note: *not Judas Iscariot

Verse 38-39:

- So in the _____ case, I tell you, stay _____ from these men and _____ them alone. For if _____ plan or this _____ is of human _____, it will fail;
- but if it is _____ God, you will _____ be able to overthrow them.
- You may _____ be found _____ against God."
- They were _____ - by him.
- **Questions:**
- What does Gamaliel tell the other Jewish leaders to do about Peter and the apostles? _____
- What does Gamaliel say will happen if this plan or work is of human origin? _____
- What if this plan or work is of God? _____
- Who may they even be fighting against? _____

Day 5 (Acts 5:40-42)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 5** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

40 After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. **41** Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name. **42** Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Verse 40:

- After they _____ in the apostles and _____ them flogged, they _____ them _____ to speak in the name _____ Jesus and released _____.
- **Questions:**
 - What did they do after they called in the apostles? _____
 - After they flogged the apostles, what did they order them not to do? _____
 - What did they do with the apostles after they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus? _____.

Verse 41:

- Then they went _____ from the _____ of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were _____ worthy to _____ treated shamefully on _____ of the Name.
- **Questions:**
 - The apostles went out from the presence of who? _____
 - What did the apostles rejoice in? _____

Notice the difference in these men. They are the same ones that fled and abandoned Jesus as well as denying association with Him on the night of His crucifixion. Their belief is secure now and have the resident Holy Spirit within them. They are rejoicing because their faith endured in the midst of the persecution. All of us experience persecution at some level where we are faced with the choice of whether to identify with Christ or not. It may bring unfair treatment or assigned motives that are untrue. It could mean being “canceled” or ridiculed. It could even be loss of relationship or position in life. We must be sure of why we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and our faith in His death upon the cross for our sins. Then, and only then, will His Word not be to us a “list of rules”, but an act of love.

- Write out **James 1:2-3**:

Verse 42:

- Every _____ in the temple, and in _____ homes, they continued _____ and proclaiming the _____ news that Jesus _____ the Messiah.
- **Questions:**
 - What did the apostles do every day in the temple and in various homes?
 - They _____ teaching and _____ the good news that _____ . Is the _____ .

Note: notice here that they are teaching in both the temple and in various homes. Again, this is the beginning of the church.