



ACTS

Disciples Making Disciples

Attacking the Truth (Acts 5:17-28)

- Pride and jealousy blinded the Sadducees
- They couldn't acknowledge the evidence (facts)
- Even supernatural evidence had no effect on them
- They only saw and believed what was in their worldview

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5:29-32 (ESV)

Avoiding the Truth (Acts 5:33-39)

- The Truth made the rulers angry
- They felt uncomfortable because of it
- 'If we ignore them, maybe they'll go away.'

⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Acts 5:40-42 (ESV)

Distraction from the Truth (Acts 6:1)

- The Hellenists had a real and legitimate concern
- But it had the potential to distract the disciples from their main task

Him we proclaim

- Keeping the main thing the main thing places every other thing in our lives in its proper place
- There are many good things that vie for our attention
- The proclamation of Christ releases others into ministry

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7 (ESV)