

Is God Really at Work Among Us?

Acts 5:12-42



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Introduction

The book of Acts teaches us that the gospel is meant to grow. But how can we measure its growth? It's more than just numbers and statistics. Acts 5:12-42 shows us several key signs that tell us if the gospel is growing at Grandview. How do we measure up?

Five signs of gospel growth:

1. We feel the presence of Christ (vv. 12-16)
2. We trust in the protection of Christ (vv. 17-26)
3. We hear the preaching of Christ (vv. 27-32)
4. We experience the providence of Christ (vv. 33-40)
5. We're inspired by the perseverance of Christ (vv. 41-42)

Notes

Questions to Ponder

1. What are some of the key signs that the gospel is growing in our own lives?
2. Do you sense the presence of Christ in Grandview services? What are signs of His presence as we meet together?
3. What kind of opposition does the gospel face in Canada today? In what ways does Christ protect our witness?
4. How do you know when Christ is being preached in a church? What were the key elements of Peter's message in verses 29-32?
5. How would you explain the idea of the "providence of God" to a new Christian? Why can we be confident that God's providence will keep His church and gospel intact?
6. The apostles are beaten in verses 41-42, yet are able to persevere. What keeps us persevering in our Christian lives in the midst of all kinds of trouble?