## Weekly Discussion Guide - 5-11-2025

## "The Church Perseveres" Acts 5:33-42

- 1. What's something you've stuck with or persevered through in your life maybe a hobby, a relationship, a challenge even when you felt like giving up? What helped you keep going?
- 2. Read Acts 5:33-42.
  - What stands out to you about this story?
  - Where do you see yourself in this story? Which character(s) would you most likely be?
  - What emotions or reactions do you notice from both the apostles and the religious leaders?
  - How has your own personal experience confirmed and/or challenged the truth of what Gamaliel says?
- 3. Read Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4. Answer this question for each: According to this passage, what produces perseverance, and what does perseverance ultimately lead to?
- 4. Think of a recent example of "suffering" or "trial" that you faced. How did you respond? How typical or atypical was this response for you? What does your response indicate about your faith?
- 5. What would perseverance look like in this situation? Ask God to help you imagine how Jesus would respond if He were living your life. Describe.
- 6. Where is God calling you to persevere right now? How can your Grow Group encourage you and pray for you in that?
- 7. Who in your life right now needs to be encouraged to persevere? How might God use you to lift them up this week?
- 8. When you think of your faith legacy, what do you want to be remembered for persevering in and through? What story do you hope your life will tell about faith and endurance? What would you have to change for this to be your legacy?