

Discussion Guide for Impact & Persecution: Part 8

1. Read Acts 4:13-37 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: The first church had an amazing evangelistic impact and persecution quickly followed. As persecution began and escalated, the church clung to one another and, together, to the Lord.

Read Psalms 82:3-4

- Does God care about social evil and injustice?
- What does God call us to do to help weak and vulnerable people?

Read Romans 13:1-7

- How does God's design for government encourage us to deal with injustice?

Read Romans 12:9-20

- What aspects of injustice are mentioned in the text?
- How are we to personally respond to the unjust man?
- How are we to respond to the person being treated unjustly? (Find as many as possible in the text)
- How will God promise to respond to the unjust man?
- How does God's response comfort us in the face of injustice?
- How does God's response release us to put away anger and exercise kindness, compassion, and forgiveness?