

Discussion Guide for Impact & Persecution: Part 7

1. Read Acts 4:13-31 and review the sermon outline.

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

2. Truth: Two gifts that God gives us for survival and impact in a hostile environment are Christian solidarity and corporate prayer. These two gifts give us supernatural strength to do our difficult work in this world.

-What are some reasons why Christian solidarity, unity, and mutual support are essential?

-Why do you think many Christians choose to "go it alone" instead of depending on the strength & support of the church? -How do you think American individualism has negatively affected Christian solidarity?

Read Philippians 1:27-30

- How does Paul relate Christian solidarity to living worthy of the Gospel?

- How does unity give us strength to stand firm in our faith?

-What might it look like to "strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel"?

-How does partnership remove fear in the face of opposition?

-How does v.29 help us to understand and embrace suffering?

We suffer in solidarity with one another, fearless brothers and sisters around the world, and God's people throughout history. How does this sense of solidarity and legacy encourage you to stand strong here and now?