

41/1/s The Message Of Life | Acts 5:17-42

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 135:13-21** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you ever been in a place where you were being ridiculed for something you believed or something you did? Or, have you ever been there when someone you cared about was being teased about a shortcoming or some way in which they were different from the crowd? What was that like and what did you do about it?

WORD

Discussion Questions.

- 1. Do you have a 2 minute testimony to tell others about Jesus? Pls share with the group:)
- 2. Does your faith in Christ cost you anything? What? If not, why?
- 3. What are some rewards you have experienced in following Jesus?
- 4. What gets in the way of following Jesus completely? Is it a sin? A lack of faith? A unproductive habit? Share with the group and discuss how they and you can work together on this.

WORK

Remind them that we've been talking about the first real persecution of the First Followers. time all of the apostles spent the night in jail and the next day they were flogged - brutally beaten because of they were telling other people about Christ. Help the group to understand that the Sanhedrin was trying to kill the church and prevent people from talking about Jesus, but the apostles wouldn't stop preaching and teaching. Today we have had the privilege of hearing about Jesus because they were determined not to stop talking about Him. Think together about what might happen if we were to be as determined as they were to get the good news out to people that we Remind them that part of our pursuit of Christ is defined by our passion for seeing others come to trust him as their Savior. Ask them to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Small Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/ person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

 Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facitlities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.