

PROCLAIM NEW LIFE | 4-10-16

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Everything we do and say tells people about who we are. The clothes we wear, the words we say, and the hobbies we have proclaim what is important in our lives. To proclaim means to declare something important with passion. Declaring new life is one of the most important aspects of our faith. How do you feel when you witness new life in someone else? Why is new life so contagious? What new life can you declare today?

READ: *Acts 5:14-16*

What happened among the believers and to the people who came for healing? What do you notice about Peter's shadow? How did he get that kind of power? Does this miraculous power still exist today? Why/why not? Share stories of God's healing power that you have witnessed in your life. Take a few minutes to pause and thank God for these stories of His power and healing and ask Him to bring more to our community!

READ: *Acts 5:17-20*

How do you think the disciples felt getting thrown in jail? How do you typically respond when you face trials and hardships? How do you think they felt when an angel showed up and set them free? What did the angel instruct them to do? What does this story teach you about declaring new life even in hardship?

READ: *Acts 5:29-42*

Which part of this passage impacts you the most? Why? Why did the apostles leave the Sanhedrin rejoicing? What gave them this perspective? What is it about "The Name" that is so important? If someone came up to you wanting to know more about Jesus, what would you tell them? What does it look like today to "never stop teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah?"

CHALLENGE

This week, ask God who He wants you to proclaim the good news about Christ to. Find a time to intentionally share your story of new life with them, share the good news with them, and ask them how you can help them take their next step on their faith journey.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank you for empowering me with new life! Help me to have the courage and boldness to declare this new life to others. Show me how to continually proclaim the good news about Jesus.