

# **HISTORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

## **WEEK 7**

### **THE FIRST OF MANY TRIALS**

Acts 5:34-42 But one member, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was an expert in religious law and respected by all the people, stood up and ordered that the men be sent outside the council chamber for a while. 35 Then he said to his colleagues, "Men of Israel, take care what you are planning to do to these men! 36 Some time ago there was that fellow Theudas, who pretended to be someone great. About 400 others joined him, but he was killed, and all his followers went their various ways. The whole movement came to nothing. 37 After him, at the time of the census, there was Judas of Galilee. He got people to follow him, but he was killed, too, and all his followers were scattered. 38 "So my advice is, leave these men alone. Let them go. If they are planning and doing these things merely on their own, it will soon be overthrown. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!" 40 The others accepted his advice. They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. 41 The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. 42 And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah." NLT

### **WHAT IS THE EARLY CHURCH SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS?**

### **WHAT FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE IS AT WORK?**

### **WHY DO WE BENEFIT?**

### **WHAT WAS THE APOSTLES' RESPONSE?**

### **WHY IS THAT BACKWARD FROM OUR THINKING?**