



SERMON NOTES

DECEMBER 17, 2023

SERIES: You are Sent

The Persecution from Evangelism

Acts 4:1-31

INTRO: 1 Peter 4:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:10-12; Matthew 5:10-12

BIG IDEA: PERSECUTION = POWER!

1. Persecution multiplies the _____ through your life (v1-4)

2. Persecution magnifies the _____ in your life (v5-22)

cf., the exclusivity of Christ (cf., John 3:18; John 14:6; Romans 10:9)

The power of God in persecution:

- 2,000 people get saved (v4)
- Peter is filled with the Spirit and shares the gospel again (v8)
- Hostile examiners confirm a miracle (v14)
- The enemies of Jesus are confused (v16)
- Peter and John are bolder than ever before (v19-20)
- People are praising God (v21)

3. Persecution maximizes the _____ for your life (v23-31)

- A) They prayed _____ (v24a)
- B) They prayed _____ (v24b)
- C) They prayed _____ (v24c)
- D) They prayed _____ (v25-28)
- E) They prayed _____ (v29-31)

MY PERSONAL APPLICATION:

**BE DISCIPLES.
MAKE DISCIPLES.**