

# The Apostles Heal Many - Acts 5:12-16

*Topics:* Believers, Demons, Faith, Fear, Healing, Miracles, People, Reputation, Sickness

## Open It

1. When you're sick, what kind of patient do you tend to be (cranky, nervous, upbeat, distracted, etc.)?
2. If you were ill in the hospital, whose visit would probably be most comforting to you?
3. If you were a physician, what part of the job would you like best?
- \* 4. How did your mother take care of you when you were sick as a child?

## Explore It

- \* 5. What kind of work did the apostles do among the people? (5:12)
6. Where did the believers meet? (5:12)
7. Even though the Christians were highly thought of, why were some people afraid to join them? (5:13)
- \* 8. Why did the people seek physical healing from the apostles? (5:13-15)
9. Despite the fear which kept many people away, what happened to the Christian church during this time? (5:14)
10. How did some people reveal both superstition and confidence in the apostles? (5:13-16)
11. Why did some people feel that even Peter's shadow might help them? (5:14-15)
12. From where did the people who gathered around the apostles come? (5:16)
13. Besides the sick, who else was brought to the apostles for healing? (5:16)
- \* 14. What happened to all those who came to be made well? (5:16)

## Get It

15. How would you describe the reputation of the church in your community?
16. In what ways does your church help or serve those who are ill?
17. If you were ill, how might your church be able to help you?
- \* 18. When is it helpful or comforting to visit a sick person in the hospital or at home?
- \* 19. How can we reach out to those who are sick or ill?
20. If the sick were brought to your church for healing, what would your church leaders do?
21. How do you think your church could learn from the example of the early Christians in the way they took care of the physical and mental needs of people?

## Apply It

22. For whom can you pray today that God would heal his or her pain?
- \* 23. What are some of the ways you can serve those who are sick in your church?
24. What practical help can you provide this week for a church member who is ill?