

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION - 10.27.2024

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 4:32-5:16 - The Spirit's Power On Display Through The Church

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?

If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. I shared the following outline for the text this week:

A UNITY ONLY POSSIBLE BY LIVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT - Acts 4:32-37

THE HOLY SPIRIT EXPOSES A DECEITFUL SCHEME - Acts 5:1-11

THE RESULT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CONTINUAL WORK - Acts 5:12-16

How does the narrative flow from one section to the next, & how does that which fills us directly lead to each stated outcome?

As you read Acts 4:32-37 & 5:12-16, what is revealed to be the result of Christians living by the power of the Holy Spirit?

3. How does an eternal, gospel-centered perspective lead to sacrificial generosity in the Body of Christ to meet the needs of others?

Have you ever seen or experienced this first-hand as a part of the church (in giving or receiving sacrificially)?

If so, did you notice a relational impact within the Church as a result of such genuine love and care?

As you think about the needs that could come up in the Church how may the Lord be calling you to respond in meeting needs?

If the Lord is calling us to something, He ALWAYS equips us for it in some way: how is He equipping you right now?

**This doesn't necessarily have to be financial, maybe the Lord has gifted you with time, talents, abilities, to care for others as well...*

4. What do the actions of Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11 reveal about what's been going on in their hearts?

What sins have they committed & how does Luke show us that they are each individually responsible for their own sins here?

What about their offenses is so egregious that it's worthy of such seemingly harsh consequences?

How does this outcome impact the Church at this time in history, and what is the impact as the narrative continues on?

Do you live with a genuine fear of the Lord in your life, or have you become cavalier in your attitude toward sin?

Are there any specific sins that the Holy Spirit is revealing to you that you need to repent & confess to the Lord?

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

The Church is divinely united by the Holy Spirit!

Unity is a result of living by the Spirit's power!

Care for one another is sacrificially demonstrated!

We meet one another's needs as we're able!

The Lord will not be mocked or deceived by man!

Pay attention to your heart - God sees it all!

The only way to glorify God is to live for Jesus!

Give God glory: trust in Jesus & live by the Spirit!