

Week 5

Acts 4:32-5:11

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Read: Acts 4:32-37

1. In verse 32, Luke describes the community of believers as being “one in heart and mind”. What did this mean and look like?

>> Application & Reflection: In this scene, Luke gives an account of the believers’ love for their neighbours by giving over a great deal of their possessions for the use of all. What might this look like for you and for our church community? What are some of the road blocks to this kind of community-life for us today? How can we overcome them?

2. In verses 33-35, Luke indicates the source of the believer’s love for one another. What is this source?

>> Application & Reflection: In this scene, Luke shows us that the Apostles’ preaching (about the risen Christ) and God’s grace as the power behind the community’s love. What does this teach us about life together? What other parts of Scripture highlight this?

3. In verses 36-37, Luke turns our attention to the actions of Barnabas. What might be Luke’s intent in doing this?

Read: Acts 5:1-11

4. In verses 1-2, Luke turns our attention to the actions of Ananias and Sapphira. What is Luke teaching about the new community of God?

5. In verses 3-4, Peter speaks about Ananias and Sapphira's actions. How does Peter interpret what they've done?

6. In verses 5-11, Luke depicts God's divine judgement against Ananias and Sapphira and the impact on the believing community. What is Luke teaching about God in this moment?

>> Application & Reflection: In this scene, Luke shows us God's knowledge of human hearts, Satan's schemes against the church, and the judgement which befalls when believer's mishandle their resources. How does this challenge our authenticity, integrity, and motivations for giving? How does the challenge our modern beliefs surrounding personal property?

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