



The Community of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:32-37)

Study Notes Handout: Week Ten

With great power the Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them... (Acts 4:33 - 34)

Acts tells the story of the Church being together for the world... being called out, then sent back into the world as missionary and ambassador, to proclaim in word and deed the reality of the kingdom of God. The Church isn't called to a holy huddle, a circle of wagons, or a defense fortress against the sinful world. Rather, the Church is the vanguard of a movement that's living and active... the dynamic people of God, going to the world, for the world.

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Sermon Outline: What is a Community of the Holy Spirit like?

1. An Unselfish Community (vs. 32)

2. A Witnessing Community (vs. 33)

3. A Generous Community (vs. 34 - 35)

4. An Encouraging Community (vs. 36 - 37)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. In reading Acts 4:32 - 37 what stands out the most for you about the early Church?
- ii. The early believers seemed captivated by the gospel and sold out to live missionally. What keeps us from being more this way? Are their traces of syncretism in our worldview? Discuss.
- iii. Are we prone to be too 'Church-centred'? What does a good balance between time with Christians and involvement in the world look like? Is there anything that you feel you need to adjust? Share.



Personal Study Notes

*All the believers were one in heart and mind.
No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,
but they shared everything they had.*

Acts 4:32

The Church at Worship and Work (4:32-37)

The Sharing of Material Possessions by Believers (4:32-35)

Keeping the Priority of Evangelism (4:33)

The Example of Barnabas (4:36-37)

Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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