

Home Group Questions

The week of 3/22/2020

Acts 4:32-5:11

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GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his study of Acts concluding chapter 4 and entering into a study of chapter 5.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Acts 4:32-37. The sermon shared three important qualities of a church desiring to grow that appear in this chapter, and another one that the sermon shared from Acts 5:1-11. Those qualities were:

1. The importance of great unity. v. 32
2. The importance of great generosity. v. 32
3. The importance of a great testimony. v. 33-37
4. The importance of great purity. 5:1-11

Talk about the passage and why these qualities are so important. For example, the quality of great unity is important but we need to remember that it's not "Unity at any price". Truth always trumps unity, and as a church we need to first and foremost have a commitment to the truth (which speaks to an element of purity not only in lifestyle but also in doctrine).

- Are there any other passages in the Word of God that come to your mind that support these qualities of a growing church that we see here in Acts 4-5.

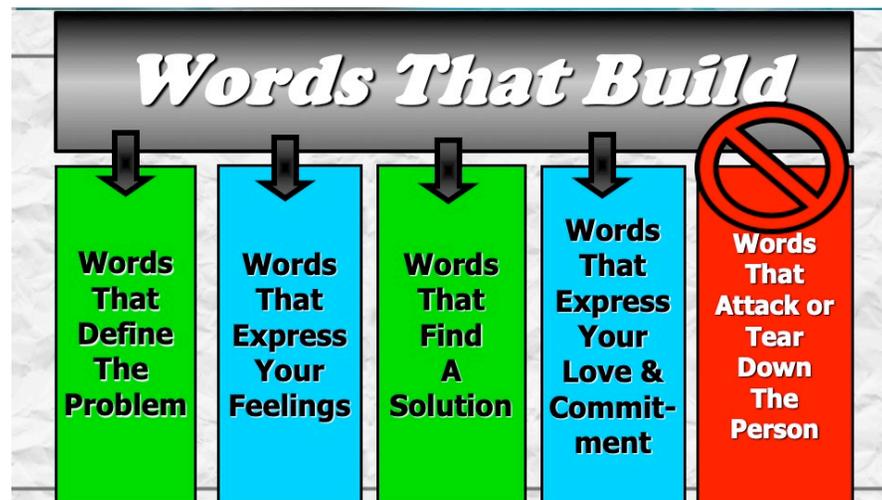
- What are some guidelines you would give to someone who is asking about how to give to the Lord's work.

What are some guidelines that Scripture gives in being a generous person..not only here but elsewhere in Scripture.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - What are some guidelines here for generosity as seen in Scripture.

2. Read Philippians 2:1-18. This passage is about having the mind of Christ and how it plays out in the fellowship of our church. Talk about this passage and the lessons that it gives us about unity and the importance of not only having the presence of Christ in our lives but also having the "mind" of Christ and experiencing what that means in our daily walk.

3. Look at the chart below and talk about the importance of how we communicate in the church. Discuss these qualities:



4. Read Acts 5:1-11. Why do you think God was so harsh on Ananias and Sapphira? What are lessons we can learn about fulfilling our promises and our vows to God? What do you think is meant in Scripture when it says that "fear" came upon the church in response to his incident.

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray that the world would be free from this virus impacting so many lives and the work of the church. Pray that we can continue to be a light for Christ!