

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 4:32-5:11
Discussion Guide: September 3, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. - Acts 4:29

How was your prayer life this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 4:32-5:11, Deuteronomy 15:4

- What was the church's attitude toward one another?
 - o What do you think it means that the believers were of one heart and mind?
Do you think it means they agreed on absolutely everything?
- How did the church's Jewish background influence the way they interacted with one another?
- How does Acts 4:32-37 fit with Acts 5:1-11?
- What was the sin of Ananias and Saphira?
 - o What do you think was their incentive to hold back part of the money they said they had given?
 - o In what ways do we sometimes try to gain undue credit or recognition?
- How could Ananias and Saphira have acted differently?
- What was the response of the church to the events around Ananias and Saphira?
 - o Why do you think God handled this situation with such quick and extreme judgment?
 - o What does it teach us about God?

APPLY:

- What would it look like for our church to be of one heart and mind?

- If you are honest, how seriously have you taken the idea of "holiness?"
 - o How is hospitality a part of holiness?
 - o How can you be generous toward our church family?

- What is one change you can make to improve your relationships with others in our church?

- NEXT STEP: In what way do you need to repent or pursue holiness this week?

Memory Work:

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. - Acts 4:32

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 5:12-42