



Week 6 | October 21 Sermon

Community:

Leaders, as we talk about signs and wonders this week, we will get an opportunity to see where each person in the group lands in terms of his/her experience with these things. What fun! These questions below are intended to be used with your LIFE cards. If you do not already have a set of these, pick one up at The Welcome Center on Sunday. They are yours to keep and you can use them for many discussions to come!

- Find an image that describes your initial feelings just at hearing the words “signs and wonders.”
- Find an image that describes your experience with signs and wonders.
- Find an image that reminds you of / would help you tell your favorite story of signs and wonders from the Bible.
- Find an image that describes how you would feel if you were to experience signs and wonders for yourself.

Sermon Title: Follow These Signs to Salvation | Text: Acts 4:31-5:52

Auditorium Discussion Questions::

Acts 4:32-5:11 provides a stark contrast of what it looks like for a group of believers to be in one heart and mind, to have what is called Koinonia: fellowship, sharing in common & communion together vs. the selfish, personal promotion found in the Ananias & Sapphira story.

How has your small group developed the same oneness of heart & mind as the Acts church, seen through the signs of Koinonia in fellowship, sharing in common & communion together?

There are definitely different levels or depths of the three Koinonia signs of that we can get down to or expose ourselves to - how would you self-evaluate the growth/depth of your small group in these areas?

Deep fellowship and communion together at beyond surface level is one thing, but how would sharing possessions or providing funds to those in need within your small group bring you together at a deeper level? What kinds of concerns or challenges might arise?

How might God be asking us to grow, a.k.a. get uncomfortable, in how we use the possessions or wealth that He has blessed us with to further advance His kingdom as witnesses & ambassadors in the communities and places where we live out life?

How could the 'quality' of our Koinonia as a body be a springboard or platform for the "power ministries" of healing, deliverance, etc. in our communities as they were experienced in Acts? Is that something you would want to be part of?

Sanctuary Discussion Questions::

Please read and reflect upon Acts 4:23-5:52

What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to? Why?

Where do you find signs and wonder?

Where do you find a sharing in the Gospel?

How do you see and understand the interplay between “deeds and words” in the text?

Is this part of your experience? Why or why not?

Do you have a desire to be a “sent one” who shares the reign of Jesus in deed and word? Why or why not?

If you do long for this, how might you proceed?

Using Acts 4:31-5:42 as a guide, will you pray for each other so that you could live as effective “sent ones” in the coming days?

Will you pray and ask the risen Lord Jesus to give you a heart of agape, attitudes of kindness and compassion, and opportunities (“simple acts of obedience”) to “bring Christ’s Kingdom to earth?”

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

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