



Week #8 // Unified and Unstoppable

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Coming Together

- Have you ever been a part of raising money for a worthy cause? What made you want to be a part of meeting that need? How did it all turn out?
- What are some common “tells” people have when they are not conveying the truth?

Growing in Our Understanding

- In Acts 4:32-35, Luke gives us a brief description of the pattern and behaviors in the early church. Circle, highlight, underline anything in Luke’s description of the church that stands out to you in these verses. What did those early believers do? What impact did it have on others?
- Read Deuteronomy 15:4. How did the early church live out this command according to Luke’s summary of the church in Acts 4:32-37?
- For us to be an unstoppable and unified church, we have to have positive, leadership examples for people to follow. In what ways does Barnabus provide us with an example we might want to follow? See Acts 4:36-37
- Read Acts 5:1-11. How did Ananias’ and Sapphira’s real estate transaction and donation compare with Barnabus’?

- What was Ananias’ sin (see Acts 5:3-4)?
- What can we learn about church discipline from Matthew 18:15-20?

Unwrapping God’s Principles

- What does it mean to be “*one in heart and mind*” (Acts 4:32)? Why is this so difficult for us to achieve in the church today?
- What was the impact on the church and community to the discipline experienced by Ananias and Saphira (see Acts 5:5, 11, 42)?
- What could our church do to be more united and unstoppable?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

After reading and studying Acts 4:32-5:11, what do we learn God’s character, practices and priorities? What questions about this passage do you still have?

Looking Ahead

Read Acts 5:12-42. How did the faith of the early followers of Jesus impact those around them? What price did they have to pay for living out their faith?

