Spirit of Holiness Acts 4:32 – 5:16

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For Group Discussion

Personal

Think of a time when you were part of a team, family, or group that was truly united around a common purpose. What made that experience so powerful—and how did it affect those around you?

From the Sermon: "Spirit of Holiness" [Acts 4:32–5:16]

When the flame of the Holy Spirit burns in a church family:

- I. The Holy Spirit's fire ignites unity (4:32-37).
 - 1. What do you notice about the way the early church practiced unity in this passage? How is it different from today's cultural idea of "community"?
 - 2. Verse 32 describes believers as being "of one heart and soul." What does that look like in practical terms?
- II. The Holy Spirit's fire consumes impurity (5:1-11).
 - 1. Why do you think Luke records the story of Ananias and Sapphira so early in the church's history? What lesson was God teaching His people?
 - 2. In what ways can hypocrisy damage both personal faith and the witness of the church?
 - 3. Fear came upon the whole church (v.11). How can a healthy "fear of the Lord" protect us from sliding into spiritual complacency or duplicity?
- **III.** The Holy Spirit's fire spreads holy witness (5:12-16).
 - 1. What connection do you see between unity, purity, and the church's powerful witness in verses 12–16?
 - 2. The passage shows that the church's credibility came not from human strategies but from God's Spirit. What might that say about how we think of evangelism today?
 - 3. People held the church in "high esteem" (v.13) even if they were afraid to join lightly. How does this challenge our view of what it means to attract people to church?

Application

- 1. Where do you see potential barriers to deeper unity in our group or in the wider church? How might the Spirit be leading us to overcome them?
- 2. We often hide our struggles behind a façade of "looking spiritual." What are ways we can build an environment of honesty, confession, and restoration rather than pretense?
- 3. What might it look like for our group and church to live in such a way that our neighborhood or community takes notice?