

Acts – 7/12/26

Read

Read Acts 4:32-37 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- Why did Luke clarify that the apostles testified to Jesus with *great* power and *great* grace was on the church (v.33)?
- What is the relationship between the power and advancement of the gospel and the actions of the church?
- What does this passage reveal about the value of Jesus and his gospel? What does it teach about Christian community?
- Tony Merida, commenting on this passage, notes that “The Bible does not say there were no rich people among the first Christians; rather, we read that ‘there was not a needy person’ among them.” What is the significance of this observation for understanding Christian generosity and sharing?

Apply

- Would you say that our church is “of one heart and soul” (v.37)? Why or why not? How can we practically pursue this kind of unity?
- How does this passage challenge the cultural assumptions and habits of our day? What steps can you take for your life to look more like Scripture than American culture?
- Why is it so challenging to live like the believers in this passage?
- What practices can we include in our lives to fight against the temptations of materialism? What can we do to become the kind of people who are not overly attached to our stuff?
- How can you be aware of needs within the church community so you can address them? Have you seen any examples of this kind of radical generosity within the church?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.