

Spirit Filled Living: Acts 4:23-37

North Shore Alliance Church - February 11, 2024 Bible Study Questions

Q: Did anything stand out to you from the sermon?

Intro: Generosity

The upside-down currency in the way of Jesus is sacrificial love and generosity.

Acts 2:42-47

Q: How have you seen generosity positively impact people?

1. OPPOSITION:

Acts 4:8

Luke 11:11-12

Acts 4:19-20

The weapon of choice is fear.

Q: How have you seen fear tactics utilized? Did the outcomes work well? How or how not?

2. PRAYER (Acts 4:23-31):

God is SOVEREIGN: God has the power, wisdom, and authority to do anything He chooses within His creation.

Vs. 29 Consider their threats and enable your servants to speak boldly: They prayed not for lighter loads but for stronger backs!

The disciples wanted more people to become part of God's growing Kingdom!

NT Wright says, "the church needs, again and again, that sense of God's powerful presence, shaking us up, blowing away the cobwebs, filling us with the spirit, and giving us that same boldness."

Spirit Practice of the Week/Spend some time in your small group praying: Spend time in prayer for spiritual conversations with specific individuals AND for God's Spirit to move in your homes, in our church, and in our city.

3. BOLD WITNESS (Acts 4:33):

Acts 4:33 - Acts 4:11-12

Being interested + asking questions + being bold about our faith = more spiritual conversations about Jesus

Q: is this is a good formula for talking to people about Jesus? Why or why not? What would you add?

Q: share a time when you talked about your faith to someone.

4. UNITY & GENEROSITY:

Acts 4:32-37

We think of the spectacular _____ but miss the spectacular _____ of this community!

One heart and one mind

Deuteronomy 15 (Jeremiah 32:39, Ezekiel 11:19)

Luke is making the claim that the _____ is the covenantal _____ that God was planning to set up all along!

"Matters of money are inescapable. They are at the heart of discipleship, but they are not the heart of discipleship. Money here will be used to destroy what money is normally used to create, distance and boundaries between people." Willie Jennings

Q: What makes unity difficult in the modern church? How can we improve in our unity?

Q: What makes being generous difficult? What is one small way you can be generous this week?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES TO TRY (Choose one and tell your group what you are choosing and why):

- PRAYER: Spend time in prayer for spiritual conversations with specific individuals AND for God's Spirit to move in your homes, in our church, and in our city.
- BOLD WITNESS: Start up a spiritual conversation with someone.
- GENEROSITY: Give some extra money away. Bless someone with a gift or a meal.