

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 12, 08-29-2021

1. Read Acts 4:32-5:11

2. The things that are included in the scriptures are amazing. God wants us to see and understand the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't try to hide the sins of His people.

3. In the book of Acts we have been reading about the early church. It's exciting to see them grow and serve together. They love each other and serve God in unity. It's a beautiful thing. But no church is perfect. Not even the church in Acts. Not even the church at Argyle. Churches are made up of people and people are not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Read Acts 4:32. We can mistakenly believe that being of one heart and mind means that we agree on everything in the Bible and that we agree with each other politically. But you can agree on those things and still be \_\_\_\_\_.

5. True unity is not based on our theology. True unity is not based on our politics. True unity is based on our common relationship with Jesus Christ.

6. It's not hard to see why the church in Acts had one heart and mind. It's because they were "extravagantly generous".

7. When every person in a church fellowship consistently shares with each other, it builds a unity in the church that is extremely effective because we share all things in common.

8. Read Acts 4:33. The result of this unity and generosity is a powerful testimony.

9. The Gospel is the Good News of God's amazing grace for us. Grace is who God is. Love, mercy and grace are all attributes of God. Love, mercy and grace cannot be separated from God because love, mercy and grace are who God is. Here are some feeble attempts to define God's grace.

"God's favor given to the unworthy"

"God's goodness given to the undeserving"

10. Read Acts 5:1-11. The problem is not that he kept some for himself. They were not required to give everything. New Testament giving is to give as you have been blessed. The problem is lying and deceiving. The problem is claiming to give all when he did not give all. The real problem is the sin of hypocrisy.

11. God wants us to see that a Holy Spirit filled church will have unity. Agree on everything? No. But have unity? Yes. That a Holy Spirit filled church is "extravagantly generous". You'll be generous givers. That a Holy Spirit filled church will accept God's grace, and then give grace to others.