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1. Think _____ (vv.32-33)

Acts 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold

35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. **36** Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles

Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, **37** sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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2. Consider _____ (vv.34-35)

3. Add _____ (vv.36-37)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 4:32-37**. What are some of the practical realities and experiences of being a part of the body of Christ that serve to strengthen and embolden you as you go out each week to represent Christ in our culture?
2. Read **Deuteronomy 7:6-9** and **Ephesians 5:29-30**. What are some of the gracious provisions you think of when you think of God caring for the people he has called out from the world to be his own?
3. Read **Philippians 2:4** and **Romans 12:13-16**. How can you improve your awareness of and increase your empathy for the needs of the fellow Christians in your church?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:1-6**; **Romans 16:17-18** and **Titus 3:10-11**. What are some of the damaging effects that result when a church is marked by divisions and factions? Why do you think the benefits of a unified fellowship like the one we studied in Acts 4 doesn't motivate God's people to pray and work for unity more than they do?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 9:10-12**. What specifically will you do this week to utilize some of what God has generously provided for you so that you will be a blessing to those in your church?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*
October 25th
Jer.14-16 & 1Tim.5
October 26th
Jer.17-19 & 1Tim.6
October 27th
Jer.20-22 & 2Tim.1
October 28th
Jer.23-24 & 2Tim.2
October 29th
Jer.25-26 & 2Tim.3
October 30th
Jer.27-28 & 2Tim.4
October 31st
Jer.29-30 & Titus 1
November 1st
Jer.31-32 & Titus 2

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Msg. 19-32 – **The Miraculous Launch of His Church**
Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**
Msg. 09-11 – **Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions**
Msg. 17-09 – **Providing Godly Encouragement to Your Friends**
Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**
Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**
Msg. 19-41 – **Reflecting Christ's Inexpressible Gift**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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