

TITLE: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division – The Making of the Church

TEXT: Acts 4:32-5:15

THEME: The Body

PROP: We must understand the importance of the Body of Christ!

INTER: How does this crowd become a Church?

As we move through the passage I want us to take note of the “GREAT” things that God is doing to build His Church!

We will see “Great Power” (v.33a), “Great Grace” (v. 33b), “Great Fear” (v.11), and it results in “Great Growth” (v.12-15).

Today, we will look at the first two of these GREAT things...

I. Great Power

A. Power displayed

B. Power dispensed

II. Great Grace

A. There is an evaluation

B. There is an epicenter

ABF Discussion Exercises

“In the face of opposition, the fledgling Church bands together to care for one another and to advance the Gospel.”

Check In (Takeaway from last week): Describe one time this past week you were able to meet with another member of your ABF class for discussion and prayer?

1. Why do we need one another?

Read Col 3:16; Eph 5:18b-21; Rom 12:10-13 - discuss the following questions.

Is it healthy to be disconnected from your local church? Why or why not?

What has the church meant to you? Explain your answer.

- a. It's just something I do on Sunday.
- b. It's one more activity to fit in.
- c. It's having brothers and sisters in the family of God.
- d. It's where my closest friends are.

How does being disconnected from church affect Rom 12:13 and Acts 4:32?

How do you identify a need in someone around you?

2. Why do we need power and grace?

What does it mean to be “one in heart and mind” in Acts 4:32?

How well does verse 32 describe your relationship with others in the church?

Why is the sharing of your time and money such a sensitive subject?

Describe what it might look like if the power of the Gospel took over your lifestyle. What would change?

Read John 13:34-35 and answer the following question.

How can meditating and acting on this passage demonstrate the power of the Gospel to our unbelieving neighbors and community?

Takeaway

This week, search for an opportunity to communicate the supernatural effect of the Gospel by identifying a need and offering the practical help.