

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 4 together. Pray for wisdom as you discuss last Sunday's message (4:32-37) and the following questions together.

1. What is the connection between the unity the church experienced in verses 32-37 and the prayer they prayed in verses 27-30? Why is prayer so essential to unity and what should that kind of prayer look like? Read, discuss and apply the following verses:

1 Corinthians 1:10 | 1 Peter 3:8 | Colossians 3:14 | Psalm 119:165 & 133:1

2. What did it look like for the church in Jerusalem to be of "*one heart and one soul*" (v 32)?

3. This passage is a descriptive passage (gives an account of the events taking place), not necessarily a prescriptive passage (gives direct commands or instructions to be followed). When it comes to Biblical interpretation, why is it important to know the difference between these two kinds of narratives? Read and discuss this idea as presented in **2 Timothy 2:15 & 3:16**.

4. What does the name Barnabas (v36) mean? How do people like this act as catalysts for unity in the church? How has God uniquely equipped you to act as one who brings encouragement to others?

Close your time together in prayer, and like our passage, pray for boldness and unity for yourselves, your group, and Eastmont!