

Family on a Mission

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Being part of a missional community that shows God's love through actions

Who this is for: Everyone

Desired impact on disciples: Deeper care for others in the family of God

Desired impact on campus/home/others: Tangibly experience the love of God

Hear the word

Acts 4:27-37

"Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

- What was unique about their community?
- What did they pray? How did God respond?
- What can we learn about God from this passage? About his relationship with those who believe in him?

Respond actively

When we come together as a community, we can share the love of God to those around us. What are some things we can do in the upcoming week as a community? Brainstorm options and choose one. Think about how you will help others see God's love through this activity.

Debrief and Interpret

- What did you decide to do? How did it go?
- How did you show God's love to others? How do you know?
- What did you learn about yourself? About God? About others?

Expand the influence

Invite new people to join you for the next activity