

## Wednesday

Read: Acts 4:33 *Hearing and blessing*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why is resurrection key to this verse?*
2. *Take time to reflect on all those who first taught you about the resurrection. Bless them.*

**Prayer Focus** This group heard and rejoiced in the Good News, giving thanks for the grace God poured on them through Christ. Transform us with your power, God. Help us bear witness to both your power and your love by the way we live our lives.

## Thursday

Read: Acts 4:34 *Acting as one body*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Reflect on the trust the group had in order to give such large gifts—trust in God and trust in one another. Give thanks for the gift of trust.*
2. *What gift could you offer today to those in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical help?*

**Prayer Focus** This sounds impossible, even foolish to us, Creator. But then, you are the God of the impossible and foolish, giving love, forgiveness, peace, and healing to all who call on you. Thank you for your reckless compassion.

## Friday

Read: Acts 4:35 *Giving*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How might our community change if churches were more giving?*
2. *Who in our church, city, world is in need today? How might you reach them in Jesus' name?*

**Prayer Focus** We might not have the words, God, but we can bear witness with our actions, making your love solid and real in your world. We commit ourselves again to having one heart and soul in you and in your beloved son.

## Looking With Gratitude

Pastor's message: Acts 4:32-35, *Stewardship*

Message Notes:

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What was the silliest gift you've ever received? What made it so silly?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 4:32-35**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)



## LOOKING WITH GRATITUDE

October 30, 2022

### Monday

**Read:** Acts 4:32a *Profile of a congregation*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What would a congregation of one heart and soul look like?*
2. *Do you feel as if you are of one heart and soul with our congregation?*

**Prayer Focus** One heart and soul seems like a fantasy, Jesus. Yet we wonder if we could do the same. Let that wondering lead us to dream of such a blessing, and grant the courage to try it out for ourselves.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Acts 4:32b *How believers live*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *Do you believe that people can live this way today? Why?*
2. *Could you belong to a group like this one?*

**Prayer Focus** Living with other people is enough of a challenge, isn't it? How can we live lives where we don't have control of all we own? Holy Spirit guide us to wonder more deeply and to dare.