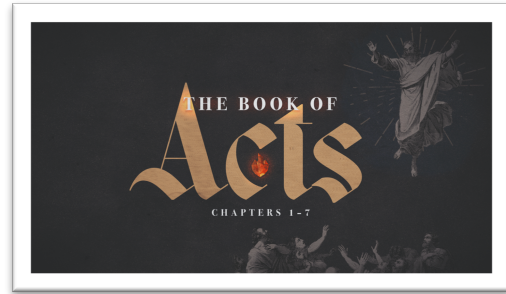


GREAT GRACE

ACTS 4:32-37 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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When you're part of a great God's great family you experience great commonality (4:32), you witness and preach with great power (4:33a), you give and receive great grace (4:33b), and you practice great generosity (4:34-37).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What can we miss out on when we fall into the idea that our church is the place we meet rather than the people who are being saved by God's great grace?

God has promised that his people would experience one heart (Jeremiah 32:39 and Ezekiel 11:19). Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one, as He and his Father are one (John 17:11, 22). A strong sense of unity is spiritually significant in our lives as we strive to be a church for Jesus.

How does working to maintain a great commonality challenge the human tendency toward self-interest?

Jesus is able to reveal our hearts by inquiring about the things we own but don't want to give up for him. He did this with the young, wealthy man who asked him about eternal life. (See Matthew 19:21-22). The man went away from Jesus because he had great possessions.

Do you have any great possession you want to hold on to? What is the effect on you from knowing it has been withheld from service? What do you think would help change your mind about releasing it for ministry?

What practices do you seek within the church to reinforce your mindset of generosity, sacrificial service, and growing the church?

Are you too isolated to experience all God has for you? How does taking an individual approach to church participation limit a person's opportunity to give and receive great grace?

Given that church is necessarily relational, do you need to do more to intentionally connect with people who appear to be alone in your church? What could you do at the next worship service to help an isolated person engage community?

How do you know if you're generously contributing the ministry and needs of the believers in church? Where does the great engagement assessment indicate your highest and lowest scores of generosity?

What will you do about the areas where you gave yourself a low engagement score? How do you want other believers to help you engage in these areas?

