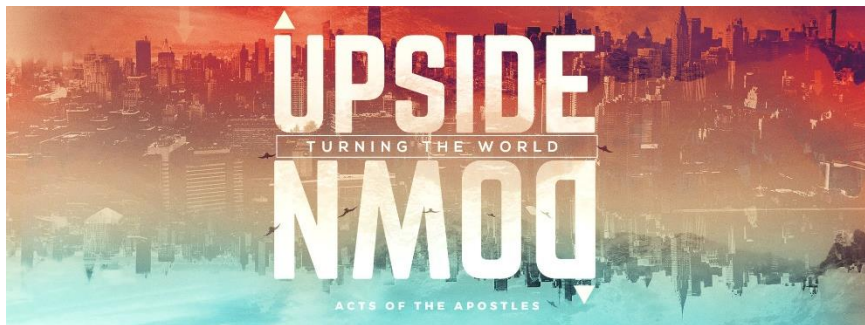




Purity and Power

Life Group Study, Week of March 6, 2022

Engage.

When you think about “the good old days” (*whenever that might have been for you*), what do you yearn for most?

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim’s message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions or conflicts did it raise for you, if any?

Look at the Book: Read Acts 5:11-16

What is this passage all about?

We’ve already seen passages similar to this one in our study thus far, for example Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-36. In what ways is this one similar to them? In what ways is it different?

Do you detect any one *overall* effect on the church of the fear that “*came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things*” (v. 11)? If so, how would you express it?

When you read the phrase, “*signs and wonders*” (verse 12), what do you think of? What was the purpose of the signs? To whom or to what did they point?

How should we interpret the seeming contradiction in verse 13?

Observing how the public regarded the believers and why (verse 13), is this at all relevant to the church today? If so, then how? If not, then why not?

What do you think Luke is wanting to express by his unusual phrase in verse 14, that “believers were added to the Lord”?

Which of the following do you think best describes the dynamic in verses 15? Explain your answer.

- a. mere superstition
- b. active faith
- c. wishful thinking
- d. groupies

What stands out to you most in verse 16? Why?

Apply

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21. What is the connection between personal purity (holiness) and spiritual power?

What might God be able to do through a church or an individual who takes seriously the matter of God’s holiness and their personal purity?

How do you personally want to apply what we have discussed?