

## Signs Of A Healthy Church:

### A Commitment To Loving And Caring Relationships

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## Acts 4:32-37

### Using This Study

#### ① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read: Acts 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> 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

<sup>34</sup> 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

<sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

<sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"),

<sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. When God said it is not good for man to be alone, what do you think He meant, and why are relationships so important?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do we establish relationships with people naturally?

3. According to the text, what are the characteristics of healthy relationships?
4. Critique this statement: “Christian growth occurs best in the context of healthy relationships.”
5. According to this passage, why is a common belief important?
6. What are some effective ways to connect church members to each other?

## ③ EMBRACE His Word

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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