

THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM

ACTS 2-5

A WORSHIPPING CHURCH

ACTS 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

WORSHIP IS VITAL TO CONGREGATION

A SHARING CHURCH

ACTS 4:32-37

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he 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.

NOT COMMUNE

**Did not sell everything and drop out of society
Still owned homes and possessions**

MET NEEDS OF BRETHREN

AMISH

GALATIANS 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

POWERFUL PREACHING

ACTS 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

NOT IN STYLE ANYMORE

I CORINTHIANS 1:2

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

A UNIFIED CHURCH

ACTS 4:32

All the believers were one in heart and mind.

BUILDING BRIDGES

STAND AGAINST SIN

**ANANAIS AND SAPPHIRA
ACTS 5:1-11**

WANTED PRAISE OF MEN

CONFRONTED SIN DIRECTLY

FEAR OF GOD VERSE 11
Fun, jovial, lenient, permissive
