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THEME: THE APOSTLES HEAL MANY - LIFE APPLICATION

Acts 5:12-16 The Apostles Heal Many

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

LAUNCH

Who is the bravest person from history, literature or film that you can think of? Why were they so brave? (Vote on who is the bravest optional)

When was the last time you exercised a glimmer of bravery in your life? What did it feel like?

DISCOVERY

In his sermon Ken suggested Peter needed bravery to preach to the crowd, the apostles needed bravery to speak to the authorities and they also needed bravery to pray for the sick. What God-given bravery do you need to receive at the moment?

Verse 12 suggests a vibrant desire to meet with one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says ²⁴*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

What are some of the problems in today's world that prevent us from meeting together as Christians?

How can we overcome these constraints in our small groups and at church so we do not violate the instruction in Hebrews?

How do you explain the apparent contradiction in verse 13 that the church were highly regarded and yet no one dared to join them (there are a number of possible answers based on previous events in Acts)

How do you think the general population views the church today?

What needs to change in the church so that a more healthy view can be achieved?

Ken challenged us with the statement that 'all were healed'.

What needs to happen for the sick to be healed in our day?

Sometimes we can be reluctant or lack bravery in asking for prayer. Why do you think that is?

Share testimonies or stories of how God has healed you or people you've prayed for in the past

APPLICATION

Spend time as a group praying for anyone who is sick both within the group or whom you know

(If anyone has any accounts of God's healing since we started our series in Acts, please let me know so that you can possibly share your story on the Sunday morning service)