

When God Makes His Home Among Us
10/25/26 – Pastor Zach
Acts 4:32-5:16, Leviticus 9-10, Joshua 3-7,

Connect: Have you ever been in flood? What was that like for you? Did you ever hear of the story Ananias and Sapphira as a kid? How did that sit with you?

Engage: Reread Acts 4:32-5:16

The central thesis of the sermon: God is doing a new work by making his home among His people. His presence brings healing, exposes deception, and forms a community where truth and love belong together.

What do you think of this thesis? How do you think that looks in the church today?

What kind of community are we as a church being because God lives among us?

Zach talks about 3 truths of the early church.

1. Generosity- Grace creates a generous, shared life Acts 4:32-37
2. Integrity – God exposes deception within that life. Acts 5:1-11
3. Healing – God brings healing through his people. Acts 5:12-16

1. Generosity – God’s presence opens our hands.

- a. Luke describes a community whose relationship to ownership is being transformed. We begin making room for one another. Generosity reaches beyond money.

1. Whose needs have more importance to me because I follow Jesus?

2. What am I holding that could become a blessing to someone else?

3. Are new people finding room in our schedules and relationships?

2. Integrity – God’s presence brings us into the light.

- a. Peter identifies their offense as lying to the Holy Spirit, lying to God and agreeing to test the Spirit

- b. God is forming a people whose life together can bear the weight of truth.

1. Where am I protecting an image instead of telling the truth?

2. Have I allowed someone to believe something about me that is false?

3. Can people you admit weakness here and receive help?

3. Healing – God’s presence works through us to restore others

- a. Jesus continues His restoring work

b. A community inhabited by God welcomes hurting people and brings them before Jesus.

1. Do you feel welcome to bring your pain into your community / small group?

Why or why not?

2. Have you / we stopped asking God to do what you / we cannot accomplish ourselves?

3. Who do you need to pray, show up, listen or help this week?

Apply: What is the invitation from God for you this week. Remember God is not going to force you to comply but invite you into where you may need to change or grow?

Is there a need you need to meet this week for someone else? Do you need to bring a concealed struggle or false impression into the Light? Is there someone you need move towards whose hurting, by praying for or take a practical step of care?