

We, the body of Christ called Columbia, continue our exploration of the history of the New Testament church through the book of Acts. Last week, we learned that the early church could not help speaking of what they had seen and heard of Jesus. This week, we see an amazing community: the body of Christ living as one in heart and mind.

1. Imagine the ideal community in which you would like to live.
 - How would you describe it?
 - What are its characteristics?
 - Would you be able to live there?
2. Read and Reflect on **Act 4:32-35**.
 - What are the characteristics that you see described within this body of believers in verse 32?
 - What effect did it have on the apostle and the community of believers (verse 33-34a)?
 - What does this portion of the passage indicate was the reason for the disposition and distribution of property among the members of the church?
3. Read and reflect on the following passages. What do they teach about life within the body of Christ?
 1. **Colossians 3:12-17**
 2. **Romans 12:9-13**
 3. **1 Corinthians 12:18-26**
 4. **John 17:20-23**
 5. **Philippians 2:1-7**
4. How challenging do you find these passages? Why?

5. Read **Acts 5:1-11**. What was the impression that Ananias and Sapphira wanted to make when they sold their piece of property and sent the money to the apostles?
 - What was their perceived motive?
 - In **verses 3-4, 9**, what does Peter indicate is the nature of their misdeed?
6. In **Acts 5:4**, Peter says that Ananias and Sapphira had a right to do whatever they wished with the money.
 - What was wrong with them keeping part of the money?
7. How might this lesson inform us in the future as we make decisions?
8. From your experience at Columbia, what might be examples you have seen of broken unity (use no specific names only the situation)?
 - How have you responded?
 - How might you respond differently?
9. How does being one in heart and mind help us fulfill the mission of *Igniting Passion for Jesus Christ from Metro Washington to the World*?

Continue to pray that thousands more people will become aware of [Columbia@Crossroads](#) and its first services at Easter. Also pray for everyone who Columbians gave a flyer to at local Metro stops this week. Specifically, pray that the 6:29 Service finds a room full of believers and seekers of the Truth