

Cell Notes Acts of the Apostles
June 21st 2009 Acts 4 & 5 the new community

What have we seen in Acts so far? A great move of the Holy Spirit which has also been a move outwards ' Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth' (ch 1. vs 8) All the time, God is changing and shaping his people to keep pace with the move of the Spirit. We have seen them learning obedience, boldness, courage in adversity and in the face of deadly opposition, to put the needs of the community before their own, trusting God to provide, learning transparency, healing, preaching, letting go of Jewish legalism to embrace the gospel and all the time God is forming and shaping a new sort of community of Jews and gentiles. This changing and shaping work of God was at times difficult and even traumatic. But it was vital for the move of the Spirit to continue.

Luke intersperses his narrative with little passages, summing up what is going on: Read **Acts ch 4. 32 - 37 and ch 5. 12 - 16, & 42**

Do you think this great move of the Spirit could have carried on if people had resisted what God was doing among them? How do we resist God today?

Look together at the Building Project Proposals. *Can you see the vision that lies behind them? Would you like to see the church changing to become God's Family house... a place of meeting, discovery and mission, sanctuary and rest.... where we learn to open up to God and to one another . Do you think the building is God's tool for reaching the neighbourhood?*

If you have any doubts or questions about anything that is being proposed, please don't hesitate to talk to someone on the Project Team or PCC which meets on July 16th. Or come to the congregational meeting this coming Wednesday 24th.

(Next week, we will be looking at the Open House proposals and the Children's Centre proposals. So you might want to leave off completing the Response Sheets until then)