

“Becoming One”

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Little Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto

Discussion Questions

(take as many as you want, in any order)

Read Acts 4.32-5.11, Matthew 6.19-24

1. The sermon suggests that the Acts text reveals how an internal spiritual reality manifests or displays itself as an outward material reality. Read Acts 4.32-35. What’s the internal spiritual reality? What’s the outward material reality? How are the two related?
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus (4.33) important to the unity and material sharing of the church (4.32)?
3. Peter says to Ananias that the land and its proceeds belonged to Ananias – so what did Ananias (and, later, Sapphira) do wrong? How did they “lie to God” (5.4)?
4. Do you think Ananias and Sapphira dropped dead out of fear/shame? Or was their death the active judgment of God?
5. The sermon suggests that when we keep “separate accounts” in our lives – being one way with God/church and other ways in our home, business, etc. – we undermine the unity of the church that is so essential to our gospel witness (e.g. we are like a disco ball casting fragmented light rather than a single mirror reflecting the image of Jesus to the world). Do you keep “separate accounts”? How would/could you consolidate them – becoming one/whole/singlehearted?
6. What would it look like for Little Trinity to be inspired by the example of how the post-Pentecost church dealt with material property? How would we put this into practice?
7. Matthew 6.21 says that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. What do you make of the order given here: first treasure, with heart following after? Is that how you generally approach giving? What would it look like to live like this?
8. Why can’t you serve God and money (Matt 6.24)? What’s it mean to *not* “serve money”?