

### Takeaway Thought:

Being of one mind does not mean that we all have the same opinion, but that we all see the same big picture.



## COMMON GROUND

Acts 4:32-37

#MakeYourMark

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### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Acts 4:32 “<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord ➔  1st Time  Recommit
- I choose to ask myself, “Is there common ground that we share?”
- I choose to use these commonalities as a starting point to work *through* our differences or even work *around* our differences.
- I will apply today’s message by \_\_\_\_\_



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ May 6 - Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:45-8:00pm
- ⇒ May 10 - Mother’s Day Breakfast, starts @ 9:30am
- ⇒ May 24 - 4th Sunday Family Lunch Fellowship

### MEMORY VERSE

“<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.” Acts 4:32

“<sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

## 1. LET'S FOCUS ON HOW WE ARE THE SAME \_\_\_\_\_

### WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT

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“<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.” Acts 17:22-23

## 2. LET'S FOCUS ON WHAT WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_, RATHER THAN WHAT WE ARE AGAINST .

## 3. LET'S FOCUS \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND LESS ON THE MINORS .

“<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:33

**OUR MISSION IS TO LEAD PEOPLE INTO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.**

### THE MAJORS: WHAT WE BELIEVE

#### ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit of God to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is without error.

#### ABOUT GOD

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to humanity and to become the Savior of the lost world.

#### ABOUT HUMANITY

We believe that all people were created in the image of God to have fellowship with him but became alienated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, people are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through their own efforts.

#### ABOUT SALVATION

We believe that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, God freely offers salvation to those who place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin.

#### ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe all Christians should live for Christ and not for themselves. By obedience to the Word of God and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the image of Christ.

#### ABOUT THE CHURCH

We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving him and by making him known to the lost world.