



HOME GROUP STUDY

19th July 2026

Series: Signs of a growing church:

Acts 5 v12-16

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(Signs of a growing church: miracles)

WHEN GOD MOVES IN POWER - Signs and wonders in the early church

Ice-breaker: Whose the most powerful person you have ever met?

1. AMAZING UNITY

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Q1: Solomon's Portico was a special spiritual place. Have you every visited a special spiritual place which made an impression on you?

2. GREAT HONOUR

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Q2: Where does the concept of "honour" belong among God's people?

3. POWERFUL EVANGELISM

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Q3: What do we learn about signs and wonders from these verses?

4. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

16 The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Q4: What do we learn about spiritual warfare from these verses?

Q5: Recognising that this was special time of blessing, what do we take away for ourselves in our current situation, (a) as a church (b) as individuals?



A PRAYER

Loving Lord, I celebrate your Spirit's work through the early church. Help me not to be discontented if my experience of you is less spectacular, but open and expectant that you still move in power to bless your people today.

Great persecution even martyrdom was to come for the early church, but thank you that today, I share the joy of this time of blessing which they experienced.

Thank you that though you are invisible, you have always been there, watching over me and calling me to yourself. Thank you that in the midst of my struggles you have brought me your salvation, and released me into this world to share this good news with others.

Show me how to contribute to the amazing unity, the great honour, the powerful evangelism and the spiritual warfare of your church family. Transform me by your mighty Holy Spirit from a spectator to a participant. Equip me by your Spirit and guide me in what next step I should take this week, that I should be ready and available to do your will, when you move in power.

For the sake of your Son my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.