The JOURNEYMEN

"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said,
I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good..."
-- Numbers 10:29

Book Study #4 ACTS — Acts 4:32 – 5:16

The Believers Share their Possessions – Ananias and Sapphira – The Apostles Heal Many

Before we begin this journey...

1. What possessions would you be willing to part with to help a friend in need?
2. How do you know when someone is lying to you?
3. How did your mother take care of you when you were sick as a child?

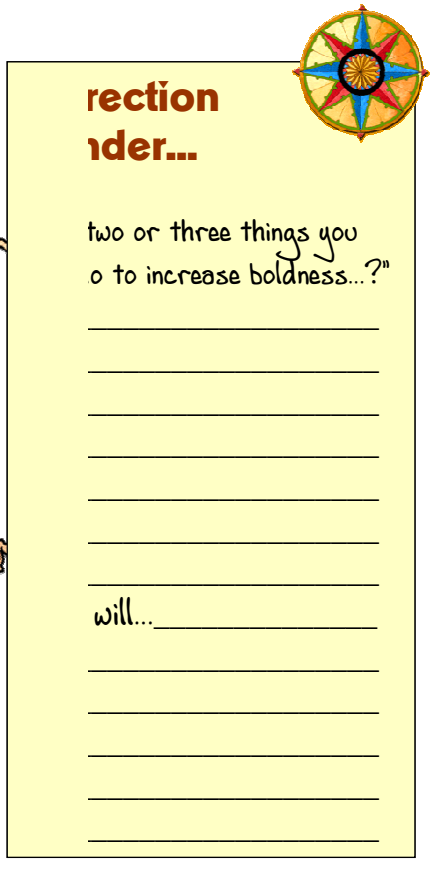
Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. What attitude did the believers have toward one another? (4:32)
5. What did some better-off Christians do from time to time? (4:34-35)
6. What was exemplary about Barnabas? (4:36-37)
7. What did Ananias and Sapphira do with the proceeds from the sale of their property? (5:1-2)
8. What was Ananias's sin? (5:3-4) What was the consequence of Ananias's sin? (5:5)
9. How did Peter test Sapphira and what devastating announcement did Peter make to Sapphira? (5:7-9)
10. What kind of work did the apostles do among the people? (5:12)
11. Why did the people seek physical healing from the apostles? (5:13-15)
12. What happened to all those who came to be made well? (5:16)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

13. What is difficult about sharing the things we have?
14. How can we copy Barnabas's example?
15. What do we tend to hold back from the Lord? Why?
16. What can we do to trust God to take care of us?
17. When is it helpful or comforting to visit a sick person in the hospital or at home?
18. How can we reach out to those who are sick or ill?

Application for this week...

19. What can you do to show Christian generosity to someone in need this week?
20. What act of sacrificial giving can you do this week? How?
21. What practical help can you provide this week for a church member who is ill?

A prayer for your journey… *"Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life."* *-Amen*