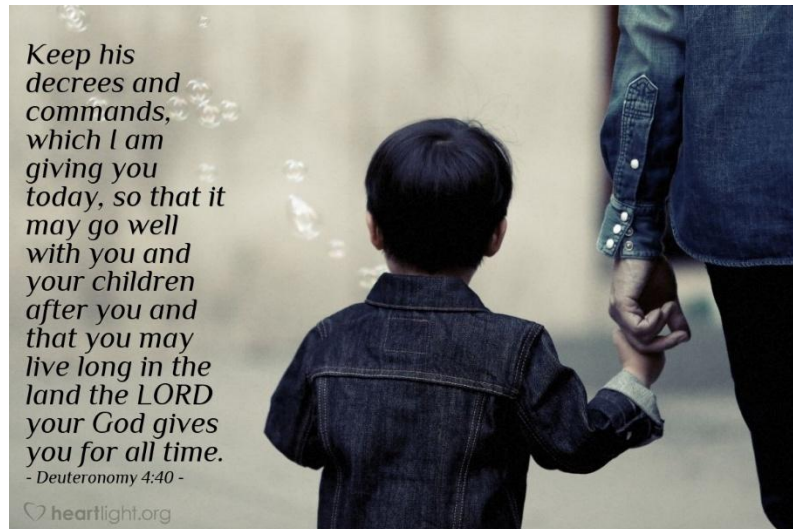


## Dig into Acts 4:32-25 on the Church for individuals and groups...



Last Sunday we had Sophie Pawlett's thanksgiving on the themes of WISDOM and GRACE from Deuteronomy 4:6-9 . If you have any questions about that you are welcome to discuss them, however this is a bonus dig deeper on the Church from Acts 4:32-35, also to prepare ahead for the remaining sermons on the Church...

### 1. A bonus passage. Read Acts 4:32-37

- a. What impresses you about the early church?
- b. In what sense do you think they are a model for us, and in what sense was there a sense of uniqueness?
- c. Is there anything you can do on your part to help CCH be more of what we should be?

### 2. To prepare ahead for next Sunday, read 1 Peter 4:7-11

- a. What do you find encouraging, challenging, or a helpful reminder from these verses?
- b. Can you encourage one another in your group, by identifying some of the gifts that each of you has? How can you fan them into flame to serve the church?
- c. What must be the motive for serving (see also 1 Cor 15:58 and Mark 10:45)? What happens if we get this wrong?
- d. How do we ensure that our service at church is both *sacrificial* and *sustainable*?

**Bonus:** Paul grounds his teaching on spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12-14) with a central chapter (1 Cor 13) on love. Why do you think that is? Why not turn it into a prayer for CCH to be more like this.

### Resources to be mentioned in talk 3...

- Christopher Ash, "[Zeal without Burnout](#), Seven keys to a lifelong ministry of sustainable sacrifice" (see also his 22 min interview about the book [here](#) in which Christopher talks about his experiences with near burnout)
- John Hindley, "[Serving without Sinking](#), how to serve Christ and keep your joy", and [here](#) is a short video about the book. Some of you may remember John spoke at a church away day in 2019 on "the Church that cares" and his talks are [here](#) and [here](#). He talks about our addiction to busyness and how not to lose our joy!

