



## **Transformed by the Holy Spirit**

### **October 17, 2021**

#### **Reflect + Discuss**

- Share about a time when something of yours broke/was damaged much faster than expected.
- Read Acts 4:32-5:11. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have?
- In your own words, how would you define unity? In what ways have you experienced Spirit-empowered unity in a Christian community? What led you to attribute this experience to the work of the Holy Spirit, rather than human effort?
- Thinking back on Pastor Matt's example of drinking water from Lake Mendota, how does this illustration effect the way you think about God's holiness and our sin?
- In what ways are you tempted to "fake it" or appear more godly than you actually are? What drives this temptation for you? Why do you think deceit is such a big deal to God, and what might we miss out on when don't address areas of deceit in our lives?
- God is holy and He desires to make us holy as well, but in order for this to happen we need to be truth tellers about ourselves. How can we, both personally and as a church, love and accept others when they disclose personal brokenness and struggles? How can we encourage Holy Spirit led transformation and holiness within ourselves and with others?

#### **Dig Deeper**

- To dig deeper into the temptation to appear better than we are, read Matthew 6:1-18 and reflect on the words of Jesus as He instructed the crowd on how to avoid being hypocritical regarding serving the underserved, prayer, and fasting.

#### **Pray**

- Spend some time reflecting on your own heart and any areas of deceit in your life. Then, move towards a time of confession (this can be done privately or as a group), followed by

prayers of praise for God's grace and forgiveness. Ask God to guide you as you seek to live authentically; allowing the Holy Spirit to change you to be more like Jesus.

### **Next Steps**

- After reflecting on the message and spending time in prayer on your own, seek out one person or a small group of people who you can disclose your struggles to. Spend time listening, encouraging, and praying for one another.