Distinguishing Marks of the Early Church

Acts 4:32-37

Sunday, June 3, 2012

INTRODUCTION:

Six God-given marks distinguished the church from its adversary on the gospel mission. God marked the church with:

1. **Inward unity, 4:32a.**

2. **Outward selflessness, 4:32b.**

3. **A powerful testimony, 4:33a.**

4. **Abundant grace, 4:33b.**

5. **Humble sacrifice, 4:34-35.**

6. **A noteworthy example, 4:36-37.**

APPLICATION:

1. ***Meditate on what this reveals about God and the way He works through the church at this early stage of the gospel mission. How is God revealed here? What does He desire and do?***

2. ***Accept the challenge to excel still more in our care for one another.***