

ACTS

Group Guide:
Week 5

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What comes to mind when you hear the word, "generosity?"
- What from this sermon series has been the most challenging, encouraging, insightful, etc.?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

The book of Acts takes place after Jesus has conquered death and risen from the grave. It begins with Jesus giving his disciples the power they need to live out his mission in the world. Acts is the story of how Jesus, the Spirit, and the disciples start the church. Today, we will be walking through a difficult and challenging passage, but with the help of the Holy Spirit we will see how generosity is missional.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Acts 4:32-5:11

DISCUSS:

- What do you think it means that "the believers were one in heart and mind?"
- Why do you think that the experience of God's grace leads to an absence of "needy persons among them?"
- What is the difference between Barnabas and Ananias and Sapphira? What do we learn about God because of their stories?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- Grace fuels generosity and generosity fuels mission. At the cross we see the grace and generosity of Christ. Fully man and fully God giving up all that he deserves so that we might find freedom from sin and death and experience heaven on earth. How does the truth and grace of the gospel fuel generosity in your life? How can that generosity lead to a life on mission?
 - ****Leaders Note**** It might be important to mention that generosity is not only financial. Generosity is a lifestyle. It means giving of our time, money, talents, etc.

PRAY

Praise Jesus who is more generous than we could ever imagine. Pray that his grace and generosity might lead to more grace and generosity in our own lives.