

The Heart of the Matter

12. How well does Acts 4:32 describe your relationship with others in our church? What would have to change for such sharing to take place in our church?

13. When have you tried to fool God or other believers? How did it go?

14. How have you experienced the “fear of the Lord”? How has that changed your life?

15. Is there some great misrepresentation in your life that you need to address? What, if anything, do you need to make right or make sure the record is straight?

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Life Group Study Guide

Get Real Acts 4:32 - 5:11 For the Week of November 25, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What group have you been part of that you believed had the most unity? Team? Small Group? Family?

3. What is something that you’ve done because everyone else was doing it?

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Digging Deeper

4. Compare verses 32-35 with Acts 2:42-47. What is the same? What is different? What qualities are the marks of this church?

5. In verses 36-37 why would Barnabas' example be such an encouragement to everyone? What role did Barnabas play in the future growth of the church? (Acts 9:27; 11:22-30; 15:36-39)

6. Were Ananias and Sapphira required to sell the land and lay all the money at the apostle's feet? (Acts 4:32-37) Why or why not? What was their sin?

7. What motivated Ananias and Sapphira to say they had given all the proceeds of the sale of their property when they had not? What did they have to gain by lying about the money they received?

8. Why do you think that people who deceive God and their church today do not come to a dramatic end like Ananias and Sapphira?

9. How would the incident with Ananias and Sapphira lead to the response of people in verses 13-14? How would outsiders have perceived things within the church at this time?

10. What does 2 Corinthians 8-9 say about some of the over-arching biblical principles of giving?

11. Why does God hate pride so much? (Proverbs 8:13; 16:5)