

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

February 26, 2017 RADICAL GENEROSITY ACTS 4:32-5:11

- ** Read Acts 4:32-5:11 as a group before answering these questions.
- 1. Share a time when you've been the recipient of someone's generosity. Explain the situation, and share how this made you feel.
- 2. Consider this statement: "You don't live well until you give well." Do you agree or disagree? Explain, and share any other reactions you have.
- 3. Look again at Acts 4:32-35. In what ways was the early church marked by generosity? What stands out to you about this?
- 4. Read Acts 4:33-34 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-2. Here we see that radical generosity is motivated by grace. How does the grace God has shown us motivate our generosity toward others?
- 5. In the account of Ananias and Sapphria (Acts 5:1-11), what is the "heart problem" they are dealing with?
- 6. The story of Ananias and Sapphira teaches us that true generosity cares deeply about the heart of the giver. What internal qualities should be true of us as we give? (Looking for some hints? Check out 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:24; Mark 12:41-44.)
- 7. Read Acts 1:8. As followers of Jesus carry out this mission He's given us, how is the generosity of the church important? Work as a group to identify a handful of ways generosity contributes to this mission we're given.
- 8. What might it look like for you show generosity towards someone else this week in a very practical way?
- 9. **Challenge:** Memorize 2 Corinthians 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.