

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 5:1-11 together. Pray for wisdom as you discuss last Sunday's message and the following questions together.

1. Compare **Acts 5:1-11** with **Acts 4:36-37**. The generosity seen in 4:32-37 stands in stark contrast to the selfishness and hypocrisy of 5:1-11. Why might Ananias and Sapphira have felt compelled to place money at the feet of the apostles? Have you ever acted in a religious way just because everyone else around you was acting that way?
2. Why do you think they kept some of the money from the sale? The Bible does not say Ananias and Sapphira were forced to sell their possessions. It does say they were in agreement in this situation. What do you see as the problem with Ananias and Sapphira's actions? Why does Peter say they lied to God, not men?
3. Think about your life. What do you own? Do you truly own it? How generous are you with your possessions and your life (your time, talents, and treasure)? What causes you to hold back when it comes to sharing your possessions? What keeps you from surrendering everything to God? Read and discuss the following verses:

Proverbs 11:24-25 | Luke 6:38 | Acts 20:35 | 1 Timothy 6:17-19

4. We serve a generous God and He desires us to be a generous people. In what ways does your group care for the needs of people within your group? How do you do this regarding the greater church family and the needs of people in the community? How can you do more of this? If you struggle for answers regarding this, take time to formulate a plan for your group to accomplish this.

Close your time in prayer together.