

GROWTH GUIDE

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UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Generous Church | ACTS 4:32-5:16

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Example to Follow: Barnabas's Generous Giving. Acts 4:32-37
2. The Sin to Avoid: Ananias and Sapphira's Lie. Acts 5:1-11
3. The Promise to Trust: God is Using Everything for Good. Acts 5:12-16

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Explain how Ananias was not just lying to Peter but to the Holy Spirit. What happened to Ananias and Sapphira?
3. How is Satan still active in the world today? Practically, what can we do to prepare ourselves to "resist the devil" (James 4:7)?
4. How can seeing our sin more fully glorify Christ more in our hearts in light of the cross? In what ways does giving of our time and resources emulate what Christ did for us on the cross?
5. Acts 20:35 says it's more blessed to give than to receive. How have you seen that to be true in your own life? What are some practical tips/wisdom to help us give as sacrificially as possible (for instance, budget to give a certain amount)?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How are you doing at giving sacrificially with both your time and resources? If you think there's room for growth, what would be your next step of faithfulness?
2. When are you tempted to lie? What about that situation makes lying so tempting (in other words, what do you get that you otherwise couldn't without lying)?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that we as the body of Christ we want to please God above all other things.
2. Ask God to give you wisdom and discernment to know how much to give, and a heart that desires to give of your time, talents, and treasures in response to the sacrifice Christ has made for us.
3. Praise God for the generosity our church and the legacy of faithful, sacrificial giving.