

Life Group Notes – Acts 4:32 – 5:11

3rd November 2019

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Word

1. All the believers were one in heart and mind. What would/could that look like today at Jubilee?
2. What did 'God's grace so powerfully at work in them all' lead to?
3. Encouragement is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Barnabas lived up to his name.
 - a. Why is encouragement so needed today?
 - b. Can you think of a time when a word of encouragement came to you at exactly the right time?
4. If you were given a 'Christian nickname' – what would it be? Would you be a daughter of encouragement or a son of thunder?
5. What was the sin of Ananias and Saphira?
 - a. Why was it so serious?
6. God adds, multiplies and subtracts. He never divides. Discuss.
7. God subtracts Ananias and Saphira from the baby church.
 - a. Why do you think this happened?
 - b. Church discipline always desires and works towards repentance, forgiveness and restoration. Sometimes when there is no repentance then people are taken out of membership. Fortunately this happens very rarely. Why is this a necessary thing?
8. Hypocrite comes from the Greek word 'hypokrites' which refers to actors and the masks they wear. Pretending to be someone else. Ananias and Saphira were hypocrites pretending to be something they weren't or pretending to do something they didn't do.
 - a. Do you wear any masks? Why do you wear the masks?
 - b. Stuart used the example of telling someone we pray for them every day rather than 'I pray for you when I think of you – and that's not very much'. Why do we do this type of thing?
 - c. Do you ever lie to the Holy Spirit? In what ways? (Stuart admitted wearing masks and also lying to the Holy Spirit and being incredibly grateful that God hasn't done to him what happened to Ananias and Saphira).
9. How do you as a Life group help each other to not be fake or wear masks? To be the real deal and to live in community with integrity, openness and trust?