

WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FALL MESSAGE SERIES 'CHURCH'

A Study Through the Book of Acts

This week's message:

"An Audience of One"
ACTS 4:32 – Acts 5:11

Selling & Sharing –

Acts 4:32-37

Remember the book of Acts is *DESCRIPTIVE* not

***PRESCRIPTIVE*.**

Acts 5:6-7 & 11/ Matthew 21:18-20, Acts 1:8 & Acts 8:1/ Acts 2:42-47

When the Holy Spirit shows up, *GENEROSITY* breaks out.

Proverbs 29:7/ Proverbs 28:22/ 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 & Luke 21:1-4

Two Things To Avoid

❶ **PRETENDING.**

Proverbs 12:9 & 13:7

❷ **PROJECTING.**

Acts 5:4/ 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 & Romans 14:4/ Proverbs 21:20

This Week's Reading Through Acts:

Sunday	Acts 7	Tuesday	Acts 9	Friday	Acts 12
Monday	Acts 8	Wednesday	Acts 10	Saturday	Acts 13
		Thursday	Acts 11		

Community Group Discussion Guide

We see the critical mistake Ananias and Sapphira made when they tried to impress everyone with their generosity. Obviously, it's not a mistake any of us would want to make – especially knowing what happened to the two of them! Read I Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-34 and then jot down what they tell us about the desire to impress people and the pursuit of recognition.

Generosity is a natural outflow of the Holy Spirit. Yet, when we talk about generosity, at times there can be confusion about the appropriate motivation behind it and God's view of it. As you read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, what insights do you gain about generosity, especially its motivation and purpose?

What are some ways you can be generous *besides financially*? Is there any area you might sense the Holy Spirit motivating you to be more generous?

What guidance does 2 Peter 1:3-9 give us about focusing on developing godly character as a top priority? Is there anything in these verses that you'd like to work on "adding to your faith"?

MORE NOTES: _____
