

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 17, 2013

This Week's Focus: Barnabas, whose heart is filled with the Holy Spirit, acts in love for his community and shows sacrificial generosity. Ananias and Sapphira, whose hearts are being filled by Satan, lie to God and are held accountable for it.

This Week's Text: Acts 4:32 – 5:11

*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. **1John 4:18-21***

There are no more pernicious and pervasive idols in our society today than sex and money.

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Related Texts: 1John 4:18-21, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, Colossians 3:5-10, Hebrews 4:12, Luke 19:8, John 3:16

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon or the text as you read it throughout the week?
- How do we stay "filled with the Holy Spirit" and guard against having "our heart filled by Satan"?
- How does the situation in the early church compare to our community at Kings?
- In Luke 19, Zaccheus gives only half of his belongings, instead of everything. Why is his offering accepted while the partial offering from Ananias and Sapphira is rejected?
- Have you had or do you have a Barnabas in your life? If so, are you following their example?
- What are some areas in our lives where we are holding back and in doing so, we are lying to God?

- How do you see God and your relationship with Him? As Judge? As Overlord? Or as Father, and as Provider? Or do you see Him in some other light all together?

Gospel Celebration:

- God, by nature, is a giver first and not a taker! He gave us His only Son as a suitable sacrifice to pay for our sins while we were living as His enemies!
- Our continued focus on the Gospel and seeing ourselves in the light of the Gospel keeps us in the place where we can live generously!
- Perfect love casts out all fear! Jesus is for us the perfect definition and example of Love for us, and because He died for us, there is now NO condemnation for those that believe!

Prayer Focus:

- Confess our idols and ask for a Holy Spirit filled heart out of which flows incredible and sacrificial generosity.

Next Week's Text: Acts 5:12-16