

## Part 12 | Will You Be Barnabas or Ananias?

Acts 4:32–5:11

God gives **GRACE** and **POWER** through the Gospel (4:32-35)

**unity, not uniformity** Jeremiah 32:19; Ezekiel 11:19; Psalm 133:1; Philippians 2:1-11

**mega** v. 32

to purge **SPIRITUAL DECEPTION** (5:1-11)

**deceiving others**

**deceiving yourself**

and nurture **AUTHENTICITY!** (4:36-37)

**God sees the heart** 1 Samuel 16:7

**nothing to prove...** Galatians 2:20



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Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Getting Started

#### Getting To Know You...

Welcome to Life Group! One of the big goals for your Life Group is to continually get to know each other more and more. **This week let's learn play "2 Truths and a Lie"**. Give everyone a few minutes to write down two truths about themselves and one lie. Then go around the room and have everyone take turns reading their list of 3 to the group and see who can guess which one is the lie! After you guess the lie, be sure to ask some more questions about the truths and get to know each other more!

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching**, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### Digging Deeper

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. One affect of believing Jesus's Gospel is that it tightens your heart in relationship to people and loosens your heart in relationship to things. (Go back and read Acts 4:32-35 to see what I mean.) — How might believing the following verses loosen your heart in relationship to things?

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **PSALM 24:1-2** (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **JAMES 1:17** (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." **LUKE 12:13-21** (NirV)

- For extra credit, **go read Luke 12:22-34** and answer that same question!
- Is it wrong to desire things? To have nice things? Many things? Expensive things?

*(Study Guide continues on back panel...)*

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



### 1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



### 2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



### 3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



### 4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



### 5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>32</sup> Now the **full number** of those who **believed** were of one **heart** and **soul**, and no one **said** that any of the things that **belonged** to him was his own, but they had **everything in common**. <sup>33</sup> And with **great power** the **apostles** were **giving** their **testimony** to the **resurrection** of

the **Lord Jesus**, and **great grace** was upon them all.

<sup>34</sup> There was not a **needy person** among them, for as **many** as were **owners of lands** or **houses sold**

them and **brought** the **proceeds** of what was **sold** <sup>35</sup> and **laid** it at the **apostles' feet**, and it was **distributed**

to each as any had need.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- When you're walking close with Jesus, do you notice your heart is drawn more toward people or things? Talk more about this with your group.
2. The problem with Ananias and Sapphira wasn't with how they handled their money but their desire for what you might call "image management." They wanted others to think they were spiritual without making the complete sacrifice. How could the following passages help us avoid hypocrisy or not get trapped in "image management" ourselves?

GENESIS 1:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_

GALATIANS 6:3-10 \_\_\_\_\_

PSALM 139:23-24 \_\_\_\_\_

## Taking It Home

3. Pastor Josh talked about the difference between spiritual deception and spiritual authenticity. As you wrap up your time, talk about these questions:
- Which comes more natural... authenticity? Or spiritual deception?
  - How are you tempted to "deceive others"?
  - How are you tempted to "deceive yourself"?
  - What makes authenticity hard? How does the Gospel make it more natural?

## Prayer

*Prayer is a big part of Life Groups and a great time to practice spiritual authenticity. As you close, take time to share some prayer requests (for you, not your neighbor's friend's uncle) and pray for each other. Divide into separate groups of men and women for this time and pray for one another.*

Question 2 of this week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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