

Introduction:

In the early days of the Church, miracles were expected and radical life-change was a regular occurrence. Today, we serve the same God, but our experience has a way of seeming much less remarkable. Many of those early Christians knew Jesus, had seen him personally or knew someone who had. They were uniquely positioned to emulate Jesus. What if, through the lens of their experience, we were able to see what it looks like to become the people Jesus needs us to be. What if we were ready to be used by God? *What if?*

Scripture:

Acts 4:32-35 - "All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need."

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you really generous with?
 - When are you a little greedy?
2. Greed is intense. How do you think those early believers were able to conquer their greed & truly put God first?
3. How can you start to emulate the Christians in Acts 4 and, like them, begin to overcome your greed with generosity?
4. What do you think God wants to do through you that your greed may be standing in the way of?
 - How can we begin to line our wants up with what God wants for us?

Take the Next Step:

No matter who or where you are, God wants to work through you. What Next Step or opportunity have you allowed your greed to keep you from? Is your greed centered on money? Forgiveness? Sin? Or salvation? What is one tangible way that you can practice some generosity in that area this week?