



## I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: *"Make a list of the things that you value. How can you live out these values in this coming week?"*

## II. SCRIPTURE

### Acts 4:32-36

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them. Bring the proceeds from the sales and placed them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need. Joseph, whom the disciples nicknamed Barnabas (that is, "one who encourages"), was a Levite from Cyprus. He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

## III. DISCUSSION

- What stood out from the scripture above?
- Looking at the scripture above, how is this pattern apparent?
  - The people hear the good news.
  - The people modify their life accordingly.
  - The world experiences a glimpse of heaven.
  - And at the very end, numerical growth happens.
- The early church not only understood their values, and not only lived into their values, but they could also identify ways in which their new way of living was making a very clear impact on the community around them.
  - What kind of impact did the early church have on the community around them?
  - What are some ways that you or your small group can make a positive impact on your community.
- According to the SermonCast, what is a metric of effective ministry? How does that metric apply to your every day life?

## V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## IV. CHALLENGE

Make a plan for your small group to start making a positive impact on your community this month. Your small group leader should have a list of organizations that you can partner with.