

The Witness Lifestyle: Radical Generosity

Text: Acts 4:32-37

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Big Idea: B/c Jesus lived a life of radical generosity; a faithful witness will increasingly do the same.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) How does this world define generosity?
- b) How does God define generosity? (Use Scriptures and share them)
- c) How did Jesus live a life of radical generosity?
- d) What area(s) do you struggle in the most to live radically generous with? Why?
- e) Spend time in accountability praying for one another and inviting follow-up.

Question #6

- a) What is the gospel?
- b) Write out your answer as if you had 3 minutes to share it with someone.
- c) Who has God put around you to share the gospel with this week?
- d) Ask for prayer from your small group and have at it!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Acts 4:32-37. Some prompts are below.

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are a generous God who gives_____
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of...i) My lack of generosity with_____ ii) My sin of_____
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, thank you for Your generosity towards me in_____
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask you for...i) Increasing generosity with_____ ii) Boldness in_____

Memory Verse:

“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the inns that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”-Acts 4:32