

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Witnesses Initiative Week 5

Series: *Witnesses*

*“Generous Witnesses”*

JUNE 18, 2023

### **READ: Acts 4:32-37.**

1. What are some of the barriers to generosity in our lives? Read Acts 5:1-11. What barriers are present in the story of Ananias and Sapphira?

2. What was the posture of generosity in the early church?

3. What is the power for generosity in our lives?

4. How would you describe the generosity of Jesus toward you?

5. How would you describe the generosity of Barnabas (Joseph)?

6. What is God’s purpose for generosity, and how does that purpose give us freedom to live lives of generosity inside and outside of the church?

7. How might the generous work of God in Christ set us free from the control, fear, and loss-in-change that would keep us from living lives marked by the generosity of Jesus?



“But you will receive power,  
when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in  
Jerusalem and in all Judea,  
and Samaria, and to  
the end of the earth.”

**ACTS 1:8**

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## WHAT IS THE WITNESSES INITIATIVE?

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The *Witnesses Initiative* is a vision initiative from Acts 1:8. Through this initiative, we are prayerfully making steps to call an Assistant Pastor of Equipping, whose role will be to equip the saints to be His witnesses where we are and where we have been sent. We are asking everyone at Calvary to prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to use your time, talent and treasure, as we take these steps together.

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## WHAT ARE WE DOING TODAY? COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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**What:** Today, responding to God's grace, we will pledge our commitment to give to the *Witnesses Initiative* over the next two years. At the end of our worship service, you will be invited to join the body at Calvary by placing your completed *Witnesses Initiative* Commitment Card in the box provided at the front of the sanctuary.

We are praying for **100% participation, so even if you aren't ready to submit an amount**, please turn in a Commitment Card with at least your name.

**How:** Fill out your Commitment Card with your name, address, email and the amount you plan to give to the General Fund over the next two years. This is your total *Witnesses Initiative* giving.

**Who will see my commitment?** Only members of Calvary's finance team.

**Will I be contacted about my commitment?** You will receive quarterly statements, helping you to track your giving, as well as reminders of how the Lord is working through His church.

**When do I begin fulfilling my commitment?** We are asking the congregation to begin fulfilling commitments in July 2023, beginning with Celebration Sunday.

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## WHAT TO DO IF I CANNOT BE PRESENT IN PERSON?

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- Complete our online Commitment Card at **[calvarypca.org/witnesses](http://calvarypca.org/witnesses)** which will be available today, June 18, at 1:00 PM, or
- Complete a printed Commitment Card and return to Calvary, or submit to Benton Hobgood, **by Friday, July 7.**

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## SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JULY 9

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Plan to join us for worship on Celebration Sunday, July 9, as we announce the results of how the Lord has led this congregation to commit to the *Witnesses Initiative*.

## SERMON NOTES

Message: *Generous Witnesses*  
Scripture Reference: *Acts 4:32-37*

1. P \_\_\_\_\_ of G \_\_\_\_\_ (v.32)

2. P \_\_\_\_\_ for G \_\_\_\_\_ (v.33)

3. P \_\_\_\_\_ in G \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.34-37)