

Always Enough

Acts 5

Because God is **always enough** we can trust that he will work through us even when we feel like we are not enough.

- Go around the group and share things that you feel most confident about at school, work, home or just with life in general? Then go around a second time and share what you feel least confident about.
- Go through the Community Group Guidelines and then have someone pray for the Bible study.

Acts 5:17-42. Use the Bible Storytelling technique, retell the story together as a group and then read the story from the Bible.

- Notice how each person or group reacted to the situation they found themselves in. Who do you relate to most in that regard?
- If you were the apostles what may have shaken your confidence in this story?
- If you were the apostles what would have given you the most confidence in this story?
- What can we learn from this story to help us deal with situations that might shake our confidence or make us feel like we are not enough?

As We Go:

- Starting in June many of us will engage in discipleship training. What excites you about that and what concerns you about that?
- The last week of May you will celebrate all that God has been doing in your group over the last nine months. Take a few minutes now to begin planning what that celebration might look like.

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All Community Group Material can be found at: hfcog.org/communitygroups

Next FREE COFFEE with Naomi is June 5th at 10am – RSVP to Naomi@hfcog.org



COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES

Confidentiality

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

Don't Rescue & Don't Fix

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

Use Humor Responsibly

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

Use "I" Statements

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

Fight for Relationship

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.