

Can I Trust...?

Community Group Leaders Guide

Acts 4:32-5:6 /// Week of October 15

Today's big idea: We can trust the church.

Notice the extra question in here this week regarding the sermon. Feel free to explore conversation around those things that are mentioned.

- Share with the group something funny you experienced with the church.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

Technically these are two stories and technically the second story goes to verse 10. Telling the stories together will show the victories and struggles of the early church.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the early church.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Acts 4:32-5:6 in the Bible.
- What are things that built trust?
- What are things that may have made trust difficult?
- Where do we see God at work?

Heart

This may bring up some church hurt. Remember, don't fix and don't rescue. That means, don't defend what others did. Let people share and follow up outside of group.

- How do you feel about the way the church functioned in this story?
- Is it easy for you to trust the church? Why or why not?
- How do you see God at work in the good and bad of the church today?

Hands

Help people see that they determine the culture of trust that exists in the church today. Be ready to share as people may need you to model what answers could be.

- What are things that you do, or that you could do, that would help you and others build trust with the church?
- How are you pursuing the vision and mission of HFC and what role does trust play in that?
- Pray for one another and for the faith to trust Jesus more.

Next Week

Can I Trust the Pastor?

Acts 6:1-7