

CVC LIFE Group Guide (1 Hour)

Acts 5:1–11 — “Are You Funny About Money?”

Opening Question:

- What is the wildest, most over-the-top thing you’ve seen someone spend money on?
- What is the wildest thing *you* have spent money on?

Recap Acts 4:32–37:

- Early church marked by **unity, generosity, and new life in Jesus**
- People gave freely—not out of pressure, but love

Transition:

- Today’s story in Acts of the Apostles 5:1–11 shows a **very different posture toward money** e

Read aloud: Acts 5:1–11

Group Discussion

1. What’s Really Going On Here? (Observation)

- What stands out to you in this story?
- What surprises or confuses you?

Key Insight:

- The issue wasn’t keeping money—it was **lying and deception**
- They tried to **appear more generous than they actually were**

2. Heart Over Money (Interpretation)

Discuss:

- Why do you think motives mattered so much here?
- What does this story reveal about how God views:
 - Integrity?
 - Generosity?
 - The heart?

3. Honesty + Authenticity (Application)

Ask:

- Where are we tempted to “look spiritual” instead of being honest?
- Have you ever exaggerated something (giving, serving, spirituality) to look better?

Truth:

- God already knows—authenticity matters more than image

4. Scarcity vs. Generosity Mindset**Discuss:**

- Do you tend to live with a **scarcity mindset** (“there’s not enough”) or a **generosity mindset** (“God will provide”)?
- How does trust in God affect how we handle money?

Key Idea:

- Generosity flows from **trust in God**
- Fear leads to control; trust leads to open hands

5. Heart Check

Ask everyone to reflect quietly, then share (optional):

- What are you now comfortable with that you used to feel convicted about?
- Has your heart grown softer or harder over time?

Key Takeaways/Summarize:

1. **God cares about the heart, not just actions**
2. **Generosity must be genuine—not performative**
3. **There is no benefit in deception—God already knows**
4. **We are called to live with honesty, sincerity, and trust**

Support Scriptures (optional):

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 — Cheerful giving

Ministry / Prayer Time:**Invite response (no pressure):**

- **Salvation / surrender to Jesus**
- **Softening of heart / renewed sincerity**
- **Confession of dishonesty or hidden struggles**
- **Trusting God over fear and scarcity**

Prayer Prompts:

- “God, create in me a clean heart”
- “Help me to live honestly before You” “Teach me to trust You with everything—including my finances”