

**LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm**  
**“Sharing From the Heart – Acts 4:32-36; 5:1-11**

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**Icebreaker:** Have you ever told a little ‘white’ lie and it came back to haunt you? What happened?

Jesus said let your yes be yes and your no be no and everything else comes from the evil one. There are no ‘white’ lies. Every twist of the truth will lead us down a road we don’t want to travel.

**An Encounter with the Word of God**

1. Read Acts 4:32-36. What caused the extreme generosity of the first Christians?
  
2. Were the Christians instructed to give away their possessions?
  
3. Have you ever sacrificed something you owned to help another Christian in the church who was struggling? Would you be willing to? To what extent?
  
4. Why do you suppose the Apostles distributed the money? What does that teach us as a church?
  
5. Read Acts 5:1-4. What was Ananias’ role and what was his wife’s role in deceiving the Apostles?
  
6. If they were not commanded to sell their lands and share the money, what was the problem?
  
7. Read Acts 5:5-11. Notice that Sapphira was not with her husband when God struck him dead for his sins. What do you see about her from her actions?
  
8. Why would God strike them dead? Isn’t that a little cold?
  
9. What happens to the church after God delivers judgment upon this couple?
  
10. What is the one most powerful idea you have received from this lesson?