

Weekend Message Questions
Love Your Neighbor, Week 2: When Helping Hurts
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CHECK-IN:

- What's something you've tried to fix or help with that didn't go the way you expected?
- When you think about "helping others," what emotions come up first—excitement, pressure, frustration, something else?

READ: Acts 4:32–35

DISCUSS:

- What stands out to you about the way the early church lived and cared for one another?
- Why do you think this kind of unity and generosity can feel difficult or even unrealistic today?
- Where do you see cynicism toward helping others in your own heart or in our culture?

READ: Acts 5:1–11

DISCUSS:

- What makes this story uncomfortable or difficult to process?
- What do you think was really going on in Ananias and Sapphira's hearts?
- Why is this story not just about money, but about something deeper?

READ: Matthew 5:3–4

DISCUSS:

- What do you think it means to be "poor in spirit"?
- Why is recognizing our own neediness essential before we try to help others?
- How does grieving brokenness (in ourselves and the world) change the way we approach loving our neighbor?

DISCUSS (Deeper Dive):

- The idea: "*Poverty is not just material, and we are all broken.*" – how does that challenge the way you normally think about helping?
- Why is it dangerous to see ourselves as the "hero" or the one who fixes others?
- What does it look like to approach people from a place of mutual brokenness instead of superiority?

APPLY:

- Where might pride be shaping the way you help or view others?
- What would it look like this week to slow down and *grieve* brokenness instead of rushing to fix it?
- Who is one person in your life you can move toward—not as a fixer, but as someone who is also in need of grace?

PRAYER TIME

Spend time asking God to:

- Reveal areas of pride or self-reliance
- Grow a deeper awareness of your own need for Him
- Give you a heart that grieves brokenness instead of trying to control it

Pray that your group would become a place marked by honesty, humility, and a shared dependence on Jesus—the only one who can truly restore what's broken.

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