

# RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide  
May 21, 2017



## Playback – Week #5

### INTRO:

1. How have your thoughts changed over the past 4 weeks of the Playback Series? What is the biggest cycle of thought you have overcome?

### DIVE IN:

**This week we're going to study a parallel passage to Pastor Paul's message. Read together Acts 4:32 – 5:11 and then discuss the following questions...**

1. Have you ever experienced living in a community that acted like the early church? Has a fellow believer ever overwhelmed you with generosity?
2. Has God ever prompted you to do something "crazy" like Joseph with your belongings to give to God?
3. What do you think the playback loop sounds like in someone like Joseph to do something so bold?
4. How do we get positive truth on cycle in our minds?
5. If you've been around church for long, you've heard the story of Ananias and Sapphira – and usually as a fear driven teaching. What do you think the Playback loop was in their minds to do what they did?
6. How do we attempt to manipulate God through our own generosity (or lack-there-of) just like they did?
7. The Apostles remind Ananias that the property was his to do as he wanted – there was no obligation for them to do what they did. What has God given you that you are free to steward wisely?
8. Why do you think the punishment was so harsh for Ananias and Sapphira? Who did they actually attempt to deceive?
9. What playback loops do you hear regarding your finances, giving, saving, spending, etc...?
10. Thoughts on money are no different than any other stinking thinking – how do you recognize

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them, identify the source, remove the excuses, and change the perspective when it comes to wrong loops about money?

11. What does it look like for you to live more like Joseph (and the others of the Early Church) than Ananias and Sapphira?

## NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?