Sermon-based Discussion Questions

"Reverent Generosity" from 11/1/2020 Acts 4:32-5:11

<u>SPOILER ALERT</u>: You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.

- Does generosity come easy for you or not so much? Explain. Share about one of the most generous people you know. Share about an act of generosity you've seen.
- Summarize Acts 4:32-37 in your own words.
 Practically speaking, how might E-Free Bemidji apply this kind of care for one another in our church family?
 Brainstorm some specific ways that we could help our fellow believers in need.
- 3. What confuses you or maybe frustrates you about helping those in need? What confuses or frustrates you about receiving help when you're the one in need?
- 4. What is your personal reaction to the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11? What kinds of lessons might we be able to learn from their bad example? Have you ever had good intentions of being generous but then later failed to follow through? Explain.
- 5. If you don't mind sharing, what are some ways that God has led you to practice reverent generosity in your own life? What practical advice would you give to a fellow believer when it comes to supporting the local church, missions, and other nonprofits?
- 6. Ananias and Sapphira were tripped up by greed and hypocritical showmanship. What else might make it difficult to practice reverent generosity? How can we overcome these difficulties?
- 7. Pray that each one of us will have hearts that are overflowing with reverent generosity. How else can we pray for each other today?