Lighthouse Guide: Jesus Our Gift

Text: Acts 4:32–37

Theme: Jesus transforms how we handle possessions, money, and generosity.

Opening (5–10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question:

What's the most generous act someone has ever done for you? How did it impact you?

Read (5 minutes)

Scripture Reading:

Have someone read Acts 4:32–37 (NET) aloud. Encourage the group to listen for how the early church responded to Jesus as their ultimate gift.

Reflect (20–30 minutes)

1. Jesus as Our Treasure Loosens our Grip on Possessions

"No one said that any of his possessions was his own, but everything was held in common." (v. 32)

- What stands out to you about the unity and sharing described here?
- How does seeing Jesus as your treasure affect how you view your things?
- What does gospel-driven sharing look like in today's world?

2. With Jesus as Our Ultimate Gift, How We Handle Money Points to the Power of the Gospel

- How does their financial generosity support their gospel testimony?
- What would it look like today if our generosity told a story about Jesus?
- Is there a tension in your life between faith and finances?

3. Because Jesus is the Ultimate Gift, Radical Generosity Became the Identified with Christianity

- What do we learn about Barnabas's heart and priorities?
- Why is generosity encouraging to others?
- How can you be a Barnabas to someone this week?

Apply (10–15 minutes)

- Where is God inviting you to loosen your grip on possessions?
- What resource (time, money, skills) might God be calling you to share more freely?
- How can our group encourage one another to grow in gospel-shaped generosity?

Prayer (10 minutes)

Close by praying in this pattern:

- Adoration: Praise God for the gift of Jesus.
- Confession: Admit where we've struggled with selfishness or fear.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for His provision and for generous people in our lives.
- Supplication: Ask God to make us open-handed and faithful stewards.