



## **The Book of Acts: Why Is It So Hard To Give - Doug Tensen**

### **Icebreaker:**

1. Would you rather go apple picking or carve pumpkins?
2. Do you have a favorite fall flavor? (pumpkin spice, apple, cinnamon, or carmel) What makes it your favorite?

### **Summary:**

True, lasting joy & happiness are not found in collecting & protecting earthly riches, but in loving God & loving others through acts of service & compassion.

### **Engage the Bible:**

- Acts 4:32-5:11
- Acts 20:35
- 1 Timothy 6:10, 17
- Proverbs 3:9

### **Small Group Questions:**

- What is your initial reaction when the topic of money is brought up in church? Why do you think that is?
- How would you articulate the purpose of money in your life?
- 1 Timothy 6 tells us about God, who “richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” What can you thank God for today?
- Acts 20:35 talks about how “it’s more blessed to give than it is to receive.” Can you think of an example of this in your life? What about a situation where greed has made you grumpy?
- Why do you think Annanias & Saphira died in Acts 5?
- Read Proverbs 3:9. Is there an area of your life that God is asking you to lose your grip and be generous with? What would it look like to commit to honoring God with your money this Fall?