

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

October 12, 2025

“Trust” - #6 in the series
Open Hands: *Living as Generous People of God*

Scripture Texts (CEB): Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 24:1



1. Consider the following quotes about trust:

- “Trust is like the air we breathe – when it’s present, nobody really notices; when it’s absent, everybody notices.” Warren Buffett
- “Trust is like love. Both parties have to feel it before it really exists.” Simon Sinek
- “Trust isn’t what we do; it is what results from what we do.” Richard Fagerlin
- “If you want to be trusted, you’ve got to give trust—you’ve got to give it to get it.” Stephen M.R. Covey
- Which of these quotes resonates most with your thinking about trust? Why?

2. **Read Acts 4:32-33.**

Luke describes the community of believers as holding “everything in common,” which seems contrary to human nature.

- What made it possible for them to adopt this mindset rather than cling to a mindset of ownership?
- How do we reconcile and balance our very human tendency for ownership with our moral and spiritual calling to share what we have with others?

3. **Read Acts 4:34-35.**

Luke clearly explains how these believers who were “one in heart and mind” worked together in community.

- What aspects of this community do you find most remarkable? Why?
- How do you interpret what it means to move from ownership to stewardship?
- How can this early community of believers serve as a model for the church today?

4. **Read Psalm 24:1.**

- How does this verse help affirm our ability to trust and encourage our generosity toward others?
- What interferes with our ability to trust?
- How has Open Hands sermon and Bible study series helped you understand and respond to God’s call to stewardship?

5. How can we pray for you?