

HOME GROUPS

Discussion Questions for Acts 5 “Hypocrisy will be Disciplined”
Week of October 25th - 31st, 2009

Warm Up Do you have a favorite memory of *Fall* growing up? Share.

Questions for Interaction

- It would seem that Ananias along with Saphira his wife, desired to have a reputation like Barnabas (See Acts 4:36-37). At a time when others were seeking to serve their fellow believers, this couple sought to serve themselves.¹ Read Acts 5:1-11 aloud. What questions does this passage raise for you? Why is this couple judged so severely?
- Lying is a huge deal. In John 8:44, Satan is referred to as the author of all lies, yet often times we can down play how serious the sin of deception really is. The story in Acts 5 illustrates how choosing to lie actually opens the door to Satan in our lives. (See Eph. 4:25-27). What was the attitude toward lying in the home you grew up in? How did this impact you personally?
- Read 1 John 5:16-17 as well as 1 Corinthians 11:27-32. What do these Scriptures teach you about what it looks like for a Christian to “sin unto death”? In this sense, is *all sin the same*?
- Now read Acts 5:12-16. What strikes you most significantly in this account? Does it surprise you that the church experienced such growth on the heels of the events recorded in v.1-11? Why or why not?
- What does Jesus indicate is the heart of all giving in Luke 21:1-4? How does this impact you personally?

Wrap Up: The people referenced in Act 2:45 understood that *all of their possessions* belonged to God; not just a portion. *Everything* we have is on loan from God and He calls us to use all that we have for His glory. Pray for one another as you close that a new sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s promptings would be yours this week. Confess where you’ve messed up and trust in Jesus for forgiveness and a new start.

¹ Study note on Acts 5:1-3. *Nelson’s NKJV Study Bible*. P. 1823