

The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #9: Opposition from Within

Passage: Acts 4:32-5:11

Sermon Dates: Feb 22,23

Study Period: Feb. 17-22

Link Group Meetings: Feb 23-28

In this lesson Satan tries to destroy the young church again, but this time he works within the church. Just as the momentum is building and things are really taking off in the right direction, he enters in to destroy the good thing that God is trying to build.

1. Read Acts 4:32 – 5:11. What qualities do you see in the Christians in Acts 4:32-36?

2. In what ways are Barnabas and Ananias alike? In what ways are they different?

3. What exactly was Ananias' sin? (5:1-4)

4. Was it wrong for Ananias to keep the money? Why or why not?

5. What do you think motivated him to do this?

6. Can you explain logically from 5:3-4 who the Holy Spirit is?

7. To whom are we lying when we lie? (5:3-4)

8. Was Peter asking Ananias a real question here? Was he really wanting information? (5:3-4)

9. From looking at 5:3, Where do you think this sin began?

10. What should you do in a case like this, when you want recognition for doing something spiritual, or you want to exalt yourself?

11. What reasons can you think of for Satan wanting to cause Ananias and Sapphira to sin in this way? How might it hurt the church?

12. Why didn't Sapphira get a lighter sentence? (7-10)

13. What effect did this incident have upon the church? (5:11)

14. What do you think Sapphira should have done? Do you think there is a time when the wife should rebel against her husband?

15. Why do you think Ananias and Sapphira were dealt with so severely?