

**Series:** Beginners Guide to Church, a study in Acts

**Sermon:** How the Church Dies

**Primary Text:** Acts 4:32-5:11

**Discussion guide:**

- George Macdonald (a preacher of old) once said, “Half the misery in the world is caused by people trying to look instead of trying to be what they are not.”
  - What was he saying?
  - Is this still true today? How so?
- Read Acts 4:32-5:11.
  - What was the church like in those days?
  - Why do you think Ananias and Saphira lied like they did?
  - What was Peter’s point in his response?
  - Why do you think God struck them dead as He did?
- What is the difference between trying to look Christian and trying to be Christian?
- Why do we get more concerned with trying to look like one?
- How does this kill a church?