



Small Group Study Questions

Week 8

Acts 4:32-5:11 (NASB1995)

32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. **34** For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales **35** and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), **37** and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, **2** and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. **3** But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? **4** While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." **5** And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. **6** The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." **9** Then Peter *said* to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as *well*." **10** And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11** And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

QUICK REVIEW

Summarize one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

How well did you like to share growing up? How do you like sharing now?

Can you give examples of sharing as an adult?

Read Acts 4:32-37

What led the congregation to do what they were doing in these verses?

What needs do you see around you that you already are - or can meet?

Read Acts 5:1-6

What was Ananias' sin?

Why is his discipline so great?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 5:7-11

What does Sapphira's response to the question tell about her heart? Did she have a choice? (vs. 2?)

Were Ananias and Sapphira Christians? If they were, what does this say about us and our church?

What was the effect of this type of discipline? (vs. 5 and vs. 11) Did the discipline have the correct effect on the church?

How can you and your small group work together to make sure this doesn't happen again?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUEST

