



Bible study for the week starting August 7, 2022

SHARE

1. Is there a time you can remember when you were caught in a lie? Spend time sharing if you're willing. What was the feeling when you were caught?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 5:1-11**. We just got done hearing a great description of Biblical generosity at the end of Acts 4, as well as the example of Barnabas. What's the contrast here? What is really at the root of God's extreme act of judgment against Ananias and Sapphira?
3. It's not about the size of the gift; it's about the condition of the heart in giving it. How do we see that playing out in this story?
4. Read **Hebrews 10:26-39**. God says, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." How do you reconcile a God who will strike someone dead with the God of grace and forgiveness of the Bible?
5. Read **Luke 12:22-34**. This is loosely attached to our emphasis in the message this week, but it is the assigned lectionary Gospel reading for this Sunday. But it is a discussion on where your treasure is, as well as anxiety over God's providence. What other insights do you see in these verses?
6. There are two main items here: 1) What's the right amount I should be giving? And 2) Am I being honest with God, myself, and others? Reflecting on these two items in your own life, how would you rate where you are in these regards?

PRAY

7. God is the God of truth. Pray that you would hear and confess those hard truths about where you are as you dwell in the grace of Jesus. And pray for all else going on in your lives.



The Marks of the Church: Don't Lie to God

Acts 5:1-11

August 7, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Ananias and Sapphira: the CAUTIONARY tale

Honesty before both GOD and OTHERS is
a key part of my Gospel witness.

Lies God the Holy Spirit wantst to EXPOSE in your life today:

1. No one has to KNOW.
2. It isn't HURTING anyone.
3. Truth is SITUATIONAL.

“And great FEAR came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.” -Acts 5:11

The bigger threat isn't TEMPORAL punishment – it is ETERNAL punishment.

It is vitally important for us to call your SIN a SIN.

It doesn't leave any WIGGLE room, but it might make you SQUIRM.

When we are honest about our sin, it gives God room to do what He does best: FORGIVE.

For next week, read Acts 5:12-32.