

OUR SIN & GOD'S GRACE

ACTS 5:1-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything about the message today that was particularly helpful? Anything that you'd like to discuss further?
2. This is a tough text because it shows clearly the judgement of God on sin in the local church. Does this text make you uncomfortable? How so? Discuss respectfully.
3. Compare and contrast the actions of Barnabas with those of Ananias and Sapphira. What made Barnabas so generous? What made Ananias and Sapphira greedy? The grace of God makes the difference. How has this been true in your life?
4. What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira?
5. Discuss why the sin of Ananias and Sapphira was so serious. In what way did they lie to the Holy Spirit? How might we fall into a similar kind of trap today?
6. Idolatry and self-righteousness are sneaky sins in the life of a believer. In what ways do we still try and justify ourselves by our "good works" or our "church reputation?"
7. Discuss how God's grace manifested itself in the early church in 5:12-16. What are some marks of a transformational church that we can learn from this passage and the rest of the chapter?
8. A mark of being filled with the Holy Spirit is boldness to share the Gospel. How did you do this week? What are your plans to share this week? How can you be intentional?
9. What practical changes are you going to make in your life in light of today's discussion?