

Acts 5&6 Discussion Guide

General Discussion Questions:

- What statement or illustration from the message stuck out to you and why?
- What attributes of God were on display in the passage?
- What encouraged you?
- What point of action/application did you walk away with?

Topics for Discussion:

- The Church
- The Holy Spirit
- Authenticity
- Humility
- Gospel Advance
- Unity

Specific Discussion Questions:

- ? **Discuss these three characteristics and how they were evidenced in the early church:**
1. **FERVOR for the Gospel**
 2. **FUELED by the HOLY SPIRIT**
 3. **FELLOWSHIPPING with one another**
- ? What practical steps could you take to help make your local congregation more like the body of believers depicted in chapters 3–5? in praying? in sharing? in modeling the gospel? in leading others to Christ? in purity?
- ? Chapter 5 contains a sobering warning against sin in the church. How common is this problem in the modern church? Why did God’s judgment come so swiftly on Ananias and Sapphira? What are the implications of this event for the church today?¹
- ? What were the requirements for the men chosen to lead the church in serving ministries? Why did the apostles list these qualities?
- If you were there, do you think your name would be mentioned as a possible candidate? Why or why not?
- ? What does it look like to “Love Each Other & Do Life Together” as the church? Have you experienced this, have others experienced it from you?

¹ Acts: The Spread of the Gospel, MacArthur Bible Studies (Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group, 2000), 26.