



April 25, 2010 Message

Acts 5

{RE}LATIONAL: Remember

READ

Acts 4:32-5:11

1. How would you characterize the early church?
2. What do you think motivated Ananias and Sapphira to keep some of the money? What were they trying to accomplish by offering this gift?
3. Why do you think God saw this as such a serious offense?

REFLECT

4. How do we try to manage (or spin) the image others have of us? What do you think is at the core of our tendency to do this?
5. Who are you most likely to be jealous of? Be threatened by? Want to be noticed by?
6. What are the situations when you are most likely to try to control what people think of you? Can you relate to any of the following behaviors: name dropping, subtly putting others down, or making sure our accomplishments are public and our failures are private?
7. How does not telling the truth with each other bring about spiritual and emotional death within our community?

LIVE

8. This week do a secret act of service that you don't tell anyone about.

This year, our CPC community is focusing on knowing Jesus through the writings of Luke. We've developed this devotional tool to help you or your small group take the message beyond the weekend and into life. We offer three sections to help you engage with the text:

1. Read. Be still and read the text. Listen for words and phrases that you resist and words that reassure you.

2. Reflect. Let these questions and suggestions guide you as you engage with the reading a second time.

3. Live. We believe that God primarily uses relationships, experiences, and spiritual practices in our lives to make us more like Jesus. Here we offer suggestions for you to apply what you've read in this passage.