

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the message today?
2. Do you struggle with the harsh punishment of Ananias and Sapphira? Why or why not?
3. Is it satisfying to answer that God has the prerogative to judge? Why or why not?
4. Share a time when you have seen the toxic effects of sin in a church community? What were the effects?
5. Was the sin ignored or tolerated for a long time? What do you believe would have happened if it had been dealt with earlier?
6. Look at Paul's three steps to deal with sin in Galatians 6:1-5. Why is each step important?
7. What sins might need to be weeded out of your life?

Coming Up:

July 10th: Acts 6

July 17th: Acts 8:9-25

July 24th: Acts 8:26-40

July 31st: Acts 9

August 7th: Acts 10-11



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

Trouble in Paradise

Why we struggle with this passage:

1. It emphasizes _____ causes.
2. We think we have _____ figured out.

We must recognize that _____ is a right reserve for _____.

Scripture: Acts 4:32-5:11

Luke makes the early church sound like _____, yet...

Each idyllic description is followed by _____.

The people shared their possessions. Two examples,

Positive (vs 36-37): Joseph, nicknamed _____.

Negative (vs 5:1-11): _____ and _____.

What is the issue?

- _____.
- Barnabas gave to build up the _____, Ananias and Sapphira gave to build up _____.
- It was the work of _____.

God had to be diligent about protecting the _____ church.

- Their sin would have been _____ to the church.

What do we learn from the story of Ananias and Sapphira?

1. The _____ is critical.

- God saved us and placed us in _____.
- We live in a day when the church is grossly _____.

2. Sin is _____.

- Sin _____ sin, especially when we overlook it.

3. _____ is crucial.

- Sin is more like _____ than a bullet wound.

Dealing with Sin in a Community (Galatians 6:1-5)

1. Do not _____ or cover it up.
2. The goal should be _____.
3. Value _____ - _____ and _____.

“Love the sinner, hate _____ sin.”