

Sermon Discussion Guide

05.11.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Acts 4:32-5:11

Key Scripture (ESV):

"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things."

Acts 4:32-5:11

Message Highlights:

- A warning from God is an invitation to walk in the works of God.
- Biblical stewardship is hard work—but it's the right work.



- What's optional to you becomes unnecessary to the next generation.
- Lying to the Holy Spirit is evidence of deception and disconnection from the truth.
- The Church is made up of both the best and the worst of Spirit-filled people.

CONVERSATION STARTER

When was a time you felt "caught" in something? What did it teach you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- During the message, we learned that a warning from God is an invitation. What's one area of life where you feel God might be warning or prompting you today?
- In the message, Tyler shared that biblical stewardship is hard work. What part of stewarding your life resources do you find most challenging?
- We heard from Tyler that what's optional to us becomes unnecessary to the next generation. What spiritual disciplines or values do you hope your life passes on?
- The message emphasized that lying disconnects us from the truth. How can small compromises slowly erode our spiritual integrity?
- It was said that the Church includes both the best and the worst of us. How can we pursue authenticity in our faith communities without hiding our flaws?

THINK DEEPER

- Why do you think the unity and generosity of the early church are emphasized right before the story of Ananias and Sapphira? (Acts 4:32–37)
- What does Ananias' and Sapphira's deception teach us about the seriousness of integrity in spiritual communities? (Acts 5:1–4)
- How does the reaction of fear in Acts 5:5 and 5:11 shape your understanding of reverence toward God?
- What does Peter's response reveal about accountability within the church? (Acts 5:3–9)
- How does this passage invite us to reflect on our motivations when we give or serve?
 (Acts 5:1–11)



THINK LIFE CHANGE

- What hidden areas in your life need to come into the light for healing?
- What would it look like to practice complete honesty in your walk with God and others? What are some scenarios where you see this happening or have seen it happen?
- What are some ways you approach spiritual discipline without drifting into performance?
 What does this look like practically?

THINK ENGAGE

- In what ways can you encourage a culture of accountability among your friends or group, whether they are Christians or not?
- Where are you being called to more boldly steward your influence?
- What does boldness in truth-telling look like in your daily life?

THINK KINGDOM

- How does this message and text show the weight and beauty of being part of the Church?
- What part of the text did you find challenging, yet willing to flesh out in your life?
- How does biblical stewardship reflect the nature of God's Kingdom in your life?
- How might a fear of God—not terror but awe—bring clarity to your purpose in his Kingdom? Do you have this kind of view of God?