

Acts-Week 6 Study Guide
Week of November 10, 2019

Lead in: Share of time when you did something wrong as a kid and thought you got away with it only to be busted by a parent?

Have someone read Acts 5:1-11 then discuss the following:

- Why do you think Luke included this story of deceit and death in the book of Acts?
- What light does this shed on the interior life of the first Spirit-filled community?
- What is the nature of Ananias & Sapphira's sin? ¹
- Who according to Peter, was behind this sin and who was this sin committed against?
- Is Satan still at work in the local church today? If so what are some examples?
- What does this story teach us about the sacredness of the human conscience before God? (See Acts 24:16) Could this also be what John meant by "walking in the Light." (1 John 1:5-10)
- What does this story teach us about the necessity of church discipline?
- What part of this story has significance to you? Why?
- Can you think of additional examples when someone's lack of integrity impacted others in a local church?

• ¹the word that Luke uses in the Greek for what is translated in verse 3 "...keep back" part of the proceeds from the land, literally means to "misappropriate". Many scholars understand the issue that the Peter's complaint was not that they lacked honesty (bringing only a part of the sale price) but they lacked integrity (bringing only a part while pretending to bring the whole).