

Characters - Ananais & Sapphira

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will identify who my bleacher people are and thank them.
- I will humble myself and invest in the greatness of someone else.
- I will pray for the person I'm in conflict with.
- I will give up trying to fix the person I'm in conflict with.
- I will encourage the people God brings in my life this week.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Authenticity and integrity was valued so highly in the first century church that God would not tolerate the slightest bit of dishonesty and the consequence was the most severe that we can imagine. Join us this week as we look at Ananias and Sapphira.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear how God Judges Ananias and Sapphira so immediately and completely, how does this make you feel?

2. Read Acts 5:3; From Peter's words we see that lying to His Church, God sees as lying to Him/The Holy Spirit. What do you think of this?

3. Read I Corinthians 3:16-17; Pastor Matt taught that the "you" from the Greek is plural meaning "all of you". What does this mean to you as an individual?

4. Read Isaiah 29:15-16; In this potter and clay illustration God is the potter and we are the clay. Have you (the clay) ever asked God, "Why did you make me this way"? What do you think God wants us to understand from this passage?

5. Read I John 1:9; Share a time when you “came clean” with God.

6. Pastor Matt taught about repentance which translated from the Greek means to have a new or changed mind. What does this mean to you?

7. In his message, Pastor Matt said the first mark of true repentance is Conviction. John 16:8 says, “When the Holy Spirit comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement. How have you experienced this in your life?

8. Brokenness is the 2nd mark of true repentance. After being confronted by the prophet Naman after adultery with Bathsheba, David wrote Psalm 51. Read verses 1-4; What was David’s heart in these verses?

9. The third mark of repentance is Confession. Read I John 1:9. Why is confession so important?

10. The last mark of true repentance is Change. Read II Corinthians 7:9-11. What do these verses teach us about the importance of change when we truly repent?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will take off the mask and stop faking it in an area of my life.
- I will ask God to help me see my sin the way he sees it.
- I will be honest to God and to someone I trust about this area of my life.
- I will confess my sin and receiving God's forgiveness for the first time in my life.
- I will commit to change this area of my life.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Acts 4:32-5:11
- Acts 13:3-4
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- John 8:44
- Hebrews 4:13
- Isaiah 29:15-16
- 1 John 1:8-9
- Matthew 5:8
- John 16:8
- Psalm 51
- Matthew 3:8

Prayer Request(s)
