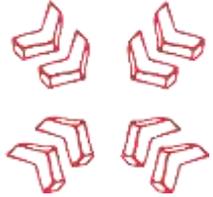


Introduction:

The church has been growing daily and people are being generous with what they have. This is a wonderful picture of people who had met Jesus and realized that all they had belonged to him. But sometimes the pull of this life can sidetrack us and open the door to us being less than honest with God.



Into the scriptures

Read: Acts 4:32-5:11

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Describe some of the qualities that made up this early church.

Who are the people in this story? What role do each of them play?

What do you think motivated Ananias and Sapphira to act the way they did?

Describe what the fear may have been like that gripped the whole church.



Into my life



This account paints a picture of a couple who did not take God seriously. They were willing to lie to God and they received their reward. In what areas of your life do you have a hard time being honest with God? What about being honest with others?

What are some of the core issues in this passage? How common are these issues today? Which one do you struggle with?

How does this passage challenge or change your view of good and his church?

What is the promise to claim hold of in this passage?

How will you be different this week because of what you have just read?



Into the world



It matters to God how his children live in the world. What is one thing you want to work on in your life to bring it in line with what God wants? (Pray for each other in this)



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Acts 4 and 5 my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

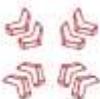
That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world