

THE BOOK OF ACTS

A CROSSPOINT CITY
SERMON SERIES

DISCUSSION GUIDE WK 12: Satanic Threats On Unity

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He’s still doing today.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

(Act 4:32-5:11) The believers in the early church shared everything they had, living in unity and selflessness, with no one claiming private ownership of any possessions. However, Ananias and Sapphira's deceitful actions in withholding part of their proceeds from the sale of their property led to their sudden deaths, demonstrating the seriousness of lying to the Holy Spirit.

THE BIG IDEA

Satan hates a unified church and uses people to threaten it. God takes these threats seriously and will take extreme measures to destroy them.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-5:11

4 32 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. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them brought the proceeds of what was sold

Scripture continued: 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 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. 3 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? 4 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." 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. 6 The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out & buried him. 7 After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." 9 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." 10 Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

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ICE BREAKER

It's Holy Week!!! Share a favorite Easter memory you have from your childhood or what the resurrection of Jesus means to you.

GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 12 & 13** of your ACTS Journal.)

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read Acts 4:32-35. What is the relationship of unity and generosity? How does grace fuel generosity (vs. 33)?

What would Crosspoint City look like if we ALL lived out Acts 4:32-35 together in our communities & the church? Dream out loud as a group the impact this would have on the Kingdom of God in our church, cities, and world.

Read Acts 4:36-5:6. According to these verses and the sermon, contrast the heart, mind and commitment of Barnabas with Ananias & Sapphira. What role did Satan play in the heart & mind of Ananias & Sapphira?

The phrase "kept back" in verse 2 means embezzled. What other factors besides that they stole money from God led to their death? What does it mean to "test the Spirit"?

Read Acts 5:7-11.

What is the tension in this story? Share a time when you held back something you promised to give back to God. How did you feel and what did you do about it?

Discussion continued:

If both Ananias & Sapphira would have stepped into their God given roles as husband and wife, how would this story have played out differently?

Discuss this quote by Pastor James and its message to our church? ***"God takes it seriously when we don't take unity seriously."***

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Lift up your ONES by name and pray for the people that you invited to Easter at Crosspoint City.

**Invite a couple who doesn't
have a church home or
needs community!**



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