

“Holy Reverence”
Acts 4:32-5:11
Series: *In Search of Church*
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We must be honest and reverent in the light of the grace and judgment of God.

PROLOG: A GOOD EXAMPLE (4:32-37)

1. A GOOD THING WITH WRONG MOTIVES (5:1-2)

2. COMES TO LIGHT (5:3-4)

3. BRINGING INSTANT CONSEQUENCES (5:5-10)

4. AWAKENING HOLY FEAR (5:11)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 5:12-41

ABF/Small Group Guide

Read Acts 4:32-37

1. Describe the behavior of the community of believers.
2. How would you describe the example of Barnabas?

Read Acts 5:1-11

3. Compare Barnabas' donation to Ananias and Sapphira's donation.
4. Was there anything wrong with them keeping money back for themselves?
5. In your opinion, was it greed, dishonesty, or pride that had gripped their hearts?
6. What does Peter say they did wrong? (v. 3-4, 9)
7. What was Sapphira's involvement in this deception?
8. Could they have avoided such sudden consequences?
9. How did their bad example affect the community?
10. How do we reconcile God's grace with His judgment, even to believers?
11. What does it mean to have holy fear/reverence for God today?
12. How can we pray for you today?