



DIGGING DEEPER

Acts 4v32-5v11 – **Under Attack – Corruption**

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GETTING STARTED

Should we be surprised by what unfolds in chapter 5? Justify your answer...

Chat briefly about the sharp contrast we find between the 2 main scenes (4v32-37 & 5v1-11)

1) A CHURCH THAT'S FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT (4v32-37)

What words might you use to describe the church in these few verses?

Why is generosity such a big deal?

Why do you think Barnabas gets a special mention?

What could you do or say to encourage others more?

2) A COUPLE WHO ARE FILLED WITH DECEIT (5v1-11)

What's so wrong with what Ananias and Sapphira do?

Why do you think Luke highlights the work of Satan in v3?

Do you think God's judgement is 'over the top'? If so, what does that suggest about your view of sin and your view of God?

As Christians how should we view sin in light of the cross? See also Rom 6v1-2...

Three things to remember...

- Satan is active
- Sin is serious
- Salvation is secure

Which are you most likely to forget?

Pray that we would live with a healthy recognition of all three...

Meditate on the words below...

Eph 5v25-27: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.