

Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, November 15, 2015

And Great Fear Came Upon the Whole Church | Acts 5:1–11

1. In light of the terror attacks in Paris this week, what do you think the best biblical Christian response should be?
2. How should we respond to God's discipline and judgment on Ananias and Sapphira?
3. Read Hebrews 12:3-17. What connections might be made to Acts 5?
4. The fear of God is often times a tricky subject because we tend to downplay the fear aspect. Reverence and fear for God elevates Him in our eyes and downgrades our own exaggerated importance in our eyes. Knowing that God is who He says He is in His Word all the time tethers us but we sometimes short sell Him; so how can a healthy fear of God help us to most appropriately upsize God and downsize ourselves?
5. What are the most convicting aspects of Acts 5:1–11 for you at this point?
6. Discuss the judgment, mercy, and beautiful Gospel truth that you see in this passage. What other Old Testament and New Testament parallels can you find?
7. Discuss why a situation such as Ananias and Sapphira's only needs to happen once and it becomes a scar for the church where we remember how we really are to be. How does it drive us to live for Jesus and the Gospel?
8. Pray together utilizing the P-R-A-Y acrostic.

Praise God. Acknowledge His character.
Remember the Gospel. Recount Gospel truth.
Admit your need. Declare your dependence.
Yield to God. Commit everything to His sovereign good pleasure.