

The Minefield

“ Navigating the Truth About You, God & Money ”

1. Remember Giving to God is a Serious Topic vv. 1-5

2. Be Honest with Yourself vv. 6-11



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Acts 4:34-5:5. Explain the difference between Barnabas and Ananias when it came to giving to God. Be specific.
- How does God's response highlight Pt. #1? Given this was the first problem in the church, how is this a warning to you?
- In what way does this challenge your perspective about giving? How do you need to rethink your giving at PCC?

Point #2

- Read Acts 5:6-11. In what way did Sapphira have an opportunity to repent that wasn't given to Ananias?
- How does her response highlight Point #2? What has been your experience with Point #2 in your tithes and offerings?
- What does a minimalist approach reveal? Given God's promise (c.f. 2 Cor. 9:6-8), how will you be more generous?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Acts 4:34-5:2

- How did the 1st century church members handle their finances with regard to God? (c.f., Acts 4:34)
- How was the land deal with Barnabas different than the land deal with Ananias? Be specific.
- In what way was this a departure from the commitment of the overall church? How is this different today?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 5:1-4, Joshua 7:1-13

- What did Peter accuse Ananias of doing? How does Joshua 7:1-13 also highlight this truth?
- What does this imply about how you should view your finances, assets, etc. in terms of ownership?
- In what way have you processed this truth in light of giving to PCC? How does this challenge or encourage you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 5:1-5, Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:10

- What does the immediate death of Ananias highlight about God's view toward greed and materialism? Be specific.
- In what way was God both disciplining Ananias and also protecting the church? How have you minimized this issue?
- Given mishandling of money was the first problem to occur in the 1st Christian church, how is God speaking to you?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 5:6-10

- Describe the difference between Ananias and Sapphira when it comes to an opportunity to repent.
- What does this highlight about spiritual challenges and being honest with yourself about tithes and offerings?
- How can you fall into the Ananias and Sapphira trap? Give an example. What growth steps will you take this week?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 5:6-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

- Given the warning that both Ananias and Sapphira provide, how does God also encourage Christians in giving?
- What promise is provided for those who are generous in their tithes and offerings? What has been your experience?
- In what way can you be more generous in your giving and trust God for His provision? Be specific.

SATURDAY // Read Acts 5:1-11, Matthew 16:13-23

- Who did Peter blame when it came to confronting Ananias with his greed? How did Peter have experience with this?
- How does this provide all of us a spiritual warning when it comes to tithes and offerings in the church? (i.e., Satan)
- What strikes you as the most significant truth in this week's story? What will be your personal application?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**