

## **Potential Discussion Questions**

### **4-7-19 Message: Church on the Move – Hypocrisy Hurts**

(Acts 4:32-5:11)

1. Can you recall a time when someone deceived you? What emotions did you experience? What destruction did it create? Was it ever confronted? If so, what was the result?
2. Luke introduces us to Barnabas in this text. Why is this significant to the rest of the book? (What is it revealing about his character that paves the way for his future role in the church?)
3. What is at the heart of the generosity of the early church? How can/might this look for us? What is it telling us about the life circumstance of the early church?
4. What does the passage tell us about the actual sin committed? Why, if unaddressed, would this have created peril for the fledgling group of believers in Jesus?
5. Read the following passages of “confrontation”. What similarities to our text do you find? What additional insights do you gain?

Nathan with David (2 Samuel 12:1-15)

Elisha & greedy Gehazi (2 Kings 5:1-27)

Peter & Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:18-24)

John & Diotrephes (3 John 9-11)

Nehemiah to Men of Israel (Nehemiah 13:23-31)

Amos to King Amaziah (Amos 7:10-17)

6. Reread Psalm 5:6, Psalm 59:10-13, Proverbs 6:16-19, and Proverbs 19:9. Why does God seem to respond so strongly to lying/deception? Why do we often possess a less severe response?
7. Many feel God’s actions are extreme in this situation: “the punishment did not fit the crime.” What does the passage tell us? Why did God intervene so dramatically? Why was it important to the future of His church?
8. Agree/Disagree and why: “We can’t use God or His church for our own purposes and it be good for us or the church.” How have you seen people try? What happened?
9. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion? What is your best take-away?