



**5** Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

<sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. <sup>6</sup> Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

<sup>7</sup> About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

<sup>9</sup> Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

<sup>10</sup> At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

**Acts 5:1-11**

**A Heart Examined: The Story of Ananias and Sapphira**

**May 28, 2023**

**Pastor Zach Imboden**

**Big Idea:** God \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_ full life for \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_.

Three Challenges That Prevent You From Experiencing Full Life

**The First Challenge:** \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 5:1-2 & Acts 4:32-37

**The Second Challenge:** \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 5:3-6

**The Third Challenge:** \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 5:7-11

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How have repeated patterns of sin in your life caused problems or challenged your relationships?

1 John 1:8-10 1 Timothy 6:10-11

How has your love for money (your treasure) destroyed a relationship with someone else? How do you need to recognize that, apologize for that, and make it right?

How has your love of money (your treasurer) destroyed your relationship with God? How do you recognize that, apologize for it, and allow God to make it right?

**Applying It to My Life**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Based on Acts 5:1-11

For the week of May 28 - June 3

## GETTING STARTED

1. What's one of the most significant decisions you have ever had to make? How did you go about making that decision?

## SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

## DIGGING IN

Take turns reading a couple of verses each from Acts 5:1-11

3. What part of this story has significance to you? Why?

4. What question does this story bring up for you? Why?

5. How do Christians act like Ananias and Sapphira today? How are we tempted in the same way?

6. Reflecting on the story of Ananias and Sapphira, how should we approach our treasure (finances) as followers of Christ? What principles can we draw from this passage to guide our stewardship and generosity?

7. In light of this passage, how can we cultivate a healthy fear of God in our lives? How does the fear of God impact our choices, attitudes, and actions?

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8. As you read Chapter 1 of the Treasure Principle, what are you discovering about your treasure?

9. As you are auditing your expenses this past week, what are you starting to discover?

## APPLYING IT

10. What is God's invitation to you to be more generous?

11. What is preventing you in your life from being more generous? How can this group support you?

# NEW HERE?

We are so glad and thank you for joining us today. If this is your first time, stop by the “New Here” table. Fill out a Connection Card and we have a gift for you.

## LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

**Middle School Service:** 10:45am in the Youth Room.  
6th through 8th graders come and join the fun!

**High School:** Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Room Join us for an incredible fun time!

**Young Adults:** Every Tuesday night at 7:00pm at the Vasquez home in Rocklin.

**Next Steps:** If you're new here and want to take your best next step at the church, we invite you to what we call “NEXT STEPS EXPERIENCE.” This is an experience to help you connect at Lifehouse. When you complete Next Steps, you are eligible to go through the process of becoming a member at Lifehouse. It is on Sunday, June 4, from 12pm to 12:30pm in the Coffeehouse

**Summer Camps:** We have two camp opportunities for Elementary age children. Pick up the Flyers and share with your friends. These are going to be super fun experiences and you don't want to miss out! Both these camps will be held right here at the LifeHouse church campus, from 9am-3pm on June 26-30 and July 17-21. Sign up today!

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