

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 4:36-6:7

Key Verse 5:20

“Go, stand in the temple courts,’ he said, ‘and tell the people the full message of this new life.’”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 4:36-5:2. How did the believers deal with material things? What did Ananias and his wife do, and why did they do it? Contrast Ananias and Barnabas.
2. Read 5:3-11. According to Peter, what was Ananias' sin? (3,4) What happened to him and his wife? How did Sapphira prove to be a poor coworker? Why was their sin so serious?
3. What was the immediate effect of these events? (11) What does it mean to fear God? What difference does it make?
4. Read verses 12-16. How did the apostles feel about this event? Where and why did the believers meet? How does Luke describe the mighty work of God among them?
5. Read verses 17-26. How did Satan attack? How did God help his servants? What does this reveal about God's mission for his church? What did the apostles do? (21) What happened? (22-26) What can we learn from them?
6. Read verses 27-29. How could the apostles overcome fear? How did they use circumstances to preach Jesus? Read verses 30-32. What was the content and point of their message?
7. Read verses 33-40. How did the Sanhedrin respond to Peter's challenge to repent? What was Gamaliel's point? What happened? Read verses 41-42. What was the apostles' attitude toward suffering? Why?
8. Read 6:1-7. What problem arose as the church grew? How did the apostles deal with it? What can we learn here from them?