

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from November 28, 2010
“A Bad Example of Giving”
Acts 5:1-11

Observing the text

Contrast and compare the incident with Ananias and the incident with Sapphira. What are the similarities and what are the differences.

In what ways did Ananias and Sapphira fall short of God's desire for them?

Why do you think God judged Ananias and Sapphira so harshly for their sin?

How did the response of the people affect the ministry of the apostles?

Applying the sermon

What are you willing to lie about?

Think about a time in the past when you lied to someone. What was your motivation?

Why do you suppose God is patient and withholds His judgment when we sin?

Compare how the early church went about adding people to the church with how churches function today. What do you see as the biggest difference, and why do you think this is so?

Take a moment to pray that you will not lie to or test the Holy Spirit.