

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, January 14th, 2024

Launch

What's the most fantastical/miraculous thing you've ever witnessed?

Do you think God still works in the miraculous, why or why not? Can you point to any examples?

Observe (READ Acts 5:1-21)

1. By way of review from last week, why were Ananias and Sapphira killed?
2. What was the effect from their deaths on the rest of the early church according to verse 11?
3. What was the extent of the miracles that the apostles were "performing?"

Process

1. How might God have used the severity of Ananias and Sapphira to purify the believing community? Where do you see this alluded to in our passage? (Vs.12b-14)
2. Were the miracles described in verses 15 and 16 connected to, or independent of, descriptions of those coming to believe in Jesus in verse 14?
3. What relationship or connection do you see between the fear of God as a response to Ananias and Sapphira and the miraculous works of the apostles described immediately after?

Respond

In verse 20 the angel gives Peter and the apostles two commands: Go and stand, and tell the people, or "stand firm" and "speak life"

1. Where might Christians need to stand firm today?

2. Personally, where is the Holy Spirit convicting you to stand firm this week?
3. Where might Christians need to speak life in our time?
4. Are there relationship into which the Lord is convicting you to speak life, rather than words of harm, this week?
5. Where is repentance needed in one of these areas this week?
6. Where can you commit to either one of these (stand firm/speak life) very specifically this week? Don't be afraid to draw one another out away from vague ideas to specific commitments;
 - i.e. This week I am going to apologize to my _____ for harsh words and make an effort to say something encouraging and uplifting at the beginning and end of each day, no matter their response. (This example could be a boss, spouse, or child). What will you commit to?