

EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY
The Acts of the Apostles
Session 7: To Obey God or People – Student Notes
ACTS: 5
Heritage Church, Van Buren, Arkansas
October 21st, 2009

Memory verses:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 6:23

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Attribute of God: October 21: God is a _____

Aim: --To teach, in order to be faithful followers of and witnesses for Jesus, we must choose daily to obey God rather than people; that is, to care more what God thinks of us than what others think! **PURITY DRAWS THE PERSON BRINGS THE POWER!**

Ice Breaker Questions: When you were a kid, what would your parents do if they caught you lying about something? When have you told the truth even though it wasn't easy?

Healing/Salvation! 4:9 "is made whole" sodzo

4:10 "whole" hygies -- restored to health

4:12 "must be saved" -- sodzo

1. Ananias and Sapphira! Caring More About What _____ Think Than What _____ Thinks. An _____ Attack on the CHURCH! READ: Acts 5: 1-11

A. Were Ananias and Sapphira required to sell the land and lay all the money at the apostles' feet?

B. What was their sin? _____

C. What would Ananias and Sapphira gain by lying about the money they received?

D. How come many people who deceive God and their church today do not come to a dramatic end like Ananias and Sapphira?

E. How might great fear or uncompromising honesty be useful to God? Proverbs 16:6 ... *through the fear of the LORD a man avoids evil.*

F. When have you tried to fool God? What happened?

G. How have you experienced the “fear of the Lord”? How has that changed your life?

2. A Purged and Purified Church is _____! Acts 5: 12-16

A. Peter’s _____: A POINT OF _____ to _____ MY FAITH.

B. *A more excellent way ... 1 Corinthians 12*

3. A Powerful and Popular Church will be _____! Acts 5: 18-33

A. Jealousy among the priests. Acts 5:17

B. _____ can’t stop them! (Acts 5: 18-26)

C. _____ can’t stop them! Acts 5:27-29

--Have we filled the Western Arkansas River Valley with this Jesus’ teaching?

D. Peter’s Prophetic Preaching! Acts 30-32 Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Exaltation, Witnessing, Holy Spirit!

TEACHING POINT: The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey.

E. The Effect of Peter’s Preaching: Acts 5:33

4. Gamaliel’s Advice Acts 5: 34-40

A. Was the movement of Jesus’ disciples *OF* God? How do you know?

B. The Council’s Decision Acts 5:40

5. The Disciples’ Response: Acts 5: 41-42

A. In what way has God set you free to honor him more fully?

B. Describe a recent event when you had to choose between God and man?

C. How can the group pray for you?