



“Fearing God Together”

Acts 5:1-11

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

Share about a time when you were really afraid. What was at the root of your fear?

REFLECT

a) Read Acts 5:1-11. What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong?

b) How did God respond to Ananias and Sapphira? What do we learn about God’s character from this?

c) How did the early church react to God’s treatment of Ananias and Sapphira?

APPLY

- a) What is a proper fear for believers to have toward God? Cite examples from Scripture and Mike's sermon.

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- c) What concrete step(s) can you take to protect yourself from the sort of compromise made by Ananias and Sapphira?

- d) What should you do when you are hurt by another believer or are concerned about his or her behavior? (See Matthew 18:15-17)

- e) What should you do when you are aware you may have hurt another believer by your words or deeds? (See Matthew 5:23-24)

- f) Has God used this study to remind you to show bold love to another believer in Christ? If so, what do you need to do?

PRAY

- a) Pray that God will enable us to love one another well, even when that means holding each other accountable or confronting each other.
- b) Ask God to show us how to practice bold love at UPC.
- c) Pray that believers at UPC who are in bondage to fear and insecurity will be set free by the gospel.