

## **The Dangers of Deceit**

**Acts 4:32-5:16**

**Sunday Feb. 28, 2021**

### **Getting To Know You**

1. Describe a lie that is told in a popular commercial or advertisement that you have seen recently.
2. In what areas of life are we (or are we at least tempted to be) less than honest?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read Acts 4:32–5:11. Describe the way the believers lived (4:32-35).
2. How do you react to the events of Acts 4:36–5:11?
3. Why do you think there was such severe judgment against Ananias and Sapphira?
4. Why is hypocrisy such a deadly sin? How can we detect it and fight it in ourselves?

### **Take Home**

1. How would you respond to the unbeliever who charges, “The church is full of hypocrites”?
2. How can a person who is prone to be a people-pleaser become a God-pleaser?
3. How honest should we be about our personal struggles? Should we share all our struggles with everyone? What guidelines apply here?
4. Do you have someone in your life with whom you can be completely honest and vice-versa?

### **Prayer**

1. Pray for boldness in our witness
2. Pray for the testimony of Christians in a world where we are labelled as hypocrites.
3. Pray for courage to tell the truth when it is easier to lie.