

## Based on this week's sermon...

### SCRIPTURE

Write down the scripture verse(s) that caught your attention.

### OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture?

### APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now.

### PRAYER

Write out your prayer based on what God has said to you today.

*The Acts  
of the Holy Spirit*

*Big 'C' Church*

SUNDAY, FEB 28, 2010

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### Scripture: Acts 5

In your \_\_\_\_\_ for God, keep your \_\_\_\_\_ pure.

*Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. {Acts 4:36 - 5:2}*

*From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." {Psalm 24:3-4}*

#### **This Week's Life Journal Readings**

##### **Sunday, Feb 28**

Num. 24-27  
I Cor. 13

##### **Monday, Mar 1**

Num. 28-29  
Mark 8

##### **Tuesday, Mar 2**

Num. 30,31  
Mark 9

##### **Wednesday, Mar 3**

Num. 32,33  
Mark 10

##### **Thursday, Mar 4**

Num. 34-36  
Mark 11

##### **Friday, Mar 5**

Deut. 1,2  
Mark 12

##### **Saturday, Mar 6**

Deut. 3,4  
Ps. 36  
Mark 13

##### **Sunday, Mar 7**

Deut. 5,6  
Ps. 43  
Mark 14

Don't attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ God... when you do you are only \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

*With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. {Acts 5:2}*

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. {Galatians 6:7}*

Telling the \_\_\_\_\_ is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for a second chance.

*Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." {Acts 5:8 }*

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." {John 8:31-32 }*

## CLG Notes

Refer back to your notes from Pastor Jeff's sermon on Sunday as you work through the following CLG material.



**A**nanias and Sapphira's sin was exposed because Peter was willing to confront them on it regardless of outcome or consequences.

If we refuse to confront others by speaking the truth in love (Eph.4:14-15) are we allowing them to become self-deceived and exposing the body of Christ to harm through sin?

Why is confrontation difficult for both parties involved? Which of the following should be our primary motivation for confronting a fellow Christ-follower about their sin: (a) the fear of the Lord; (b) love for the individual; or (c) concern for the health of the body of Christ?

**Digging Deeper:** what can we learn about healthy confrontation from Paul's example in Galatians 2:11-16 (cf.4:16) and Ephesians 4:25



**T**ruth seeking and truth telling are non-negotiable expressions of our growth towards Christlikeness.

Why do you think we are prone to self-deception?

Why are we tempted to conceal the truth about our sin from others?

What is it about the truth that you fear most: being found out and facing the consequences or knowing that others know that you have a problem that needs to be addressed?

**Digging Deeper:** Consider David's response to knowing that his sin had been found out: 2 Samuel 24:1-17



**A** simple way of allowing others to serve us is to invite them to become truth tellers in our lives. When we have developed a respectful, reciprocating and mutually supportive relationship with another, we have the makings of a potentially accountable relationship.

What are the qualities depicted in Galatians 6:1-10 that would best serve such a relationship?

**Digging Deeper:** Romans 12:9-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Identify the qualities that would best serve a 'truth-seeking' and 'truth-telling' relationship.