

**July 5, 2026 Small Group Questions**  
**Acts 4:31-5:14 "Revival meets Resistance"**

This week we looked at one of the most difficult passages in Acts. While our attention is naturally drawn to the judgment of Ananias and Sapphira, Luke's focus is elsewhere: on the work of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit creates a generous, truthful, Christ-centred community, Satan and the flesh seek to counterfeit that work through hypocrisy and deceit. Yet God, in his mercy, exposes what would grieve the Spirit and damage the Church's witness. Together we'll consider what this passage teaches us about living honestly before God, caring for one another, and making space for the Spirit to continue his transforming work among us.

**Read Acts 4:31–5:14**

1. Luke deliberately places the story of Barnabas (4:36–37) immediately before Ananias and Sapphira (5:1–11). What contrasts do you notice between these two accounts? Why do you think Luke wants us to hold these stories together?
2. Peter says Ananias has "lied to the Holy Spirit" and asks, "Why has Satan filled your heart?" What does this teach us about the reality of spiritual conflict within the life of the Church?
3. Peter makes it clear that Ananias and Sapphira were under no obligation to give all the money. If money wasn't the central issue, what was? Why is hypocrisy so destructive to a Christian community?
4. Throughout Scripture, God often exposes what is hidden. Why do we usually resist exposure, and how might exposing darkness actually be an act of God's grace?
5. **Read Ephesians 4:25–30** alongside this passage. What connections do you see between truthfulness, forgiveness, dealing with anger, resisting the devil, and "not grieving the Holy Spirit"?
6. The sermon ended by asking what it might look like if we shared stories of what the Holy Spirit is doing among us. Where have you seen the Spirit at work recently—in your own life or in someone else's—and how might telling those stories strengthen the Church?

**Close in Prayer**

Take a few moments to pray together. Thank God for the gift of his Holy Spirit, who not only comforts and empowers us but lovingly exposes what would keep us from life. Invite the Spirit to reveal any areas where falsehood, resentment, pride, fear, or hidden sin have taken root, asking for grace to walk in repentance and freedom. Finally, pray that Little Trinity would be a community marked by truth, generosity, holiness, and joyful witness—a people through whom others catch a glimpse of Jesus and his Kingdom.

