



St. Andrew

Growth Group Activities

March 29

Acts 5:12-16

1. God gave the apostles the power to heal. What are 2 ways that helped the early church?
2. There are two reasons why Christians never need to be afraid: Who God is and what God has done. Explain.
3. In Acts 5, we've seen people that fear God and people that were afraid of God. What is the difference?
4. As a result of what happened to Ananias and Sapphira the church was growing and, at the same time, people were keeping away from the believers. Give reasons why some people were drawn to God and others stayed away.
5. Tell what we need to do and not do to achieve or maintain respect for St. Andrew in our community.

6. Jesus did lots of healing during his ministry. The apostles did the same. Today the healing from Jesus seems to be more through natural means (doctors, medicine, etc...) and less through the supernatural way. And sometimes there is no healing of the body. However, Jesus does not want our relationship with him based on whether or not we get from him what we want or how we get it. Read John 4:48. Read John 6:26. Read Romans 8:28.



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March 22

Acts 5: 1-11

1. When looking at greed it is important to focus on the sin and not the sinner. Explain why.

If we are looking at the sinner we can easily pass judgment and fail to sin our sins of greed.
Greed is a sin that we, too, are guilty of.

2. Identify which are sins against the 7th Commandment: Do not steal.

Going over fantasy football at work.

Paying the admission price for 12 and under for a 14 year-old.

Fudging tax numbers.

Borrowing a friend or neighbor's shovel and never getting around to return it.

Cheating in school.

Downloading what is not free.

Selling something without disclosing problems.

All of them

3. Satan works hard to get into people's hearts. Share ways that you work to keep him out of your heart.

Staying in the word (a variety of ways). Taking the sacrament. Praying for the Lord's protection.
Making godly decisions for what to do, where to go, who to be with.

4. I once heard, "the sermon we like the least is the one we need the most." Apply that to a money-based sermon.

It is easy to resent being told what to do with our money. It's easy to take ownership and entitlement. Like Pastor said if we don't like to hear it, chances are we are sinning in our attitude towards money.

Money is something everyone needs and certainly wants more of. We will have less for ourselves the more we give so being told to give can be a turnoff.

5. Last week Pastor Hunter said, "generous people tend to be joyful people." Is the same true of greedy people? Support your answer.

I don't think so. Certainly on the surface, but with greed comes dissatisfaction and that is a joy robber. Always wanting more doesn't sound like joy to me.

6. Contrast these 2 statements:

God lets me keep 90% of what he gives me.

God wants 10% of what I have.

The first one is much preferred. It is a great and truthful way of looking at stewardship. It speaks to God's generosity. The second makes me sound greedy and resentful.

7. Give evidence of God's generosity in your life.

My list is a mile long but it starts with Jesus and my family and goes from there.

8. Scripture to consider:

Luke 12:15

Ephesians 5:5

Matthew 5:24

Proverbs 22:9

2 Corinthians 8:9

Genesis 4:4



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