



St. Andrew

Growth Group Activities

April 5

The Corona Crisis in light of God's Word

1. React with faith not fear. - Joshua 1:9
What is making people afraid?
Why do we need not be afraid?
2. God is still in control. - Psalm 93
What is beyond the control of God?
3. See the opportunity. - Philippians 1:12-14
Explain how Paul took advantage of his God-given opportunity.
4. There is purpose. - Romans 8:28
What is God's purpose with this virus?
5. Love your neighbor. - Romans 13:10
What are ways we can love our neighbor during this crisis?
6. We are at God's mercy. Ephesians 2:4-5; Psalm 127
What can man do without God?
7. Stay in the Word. SWaG
What will we find in the Word? (Hint: 3 words beginning with S, W, and G)



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March 29

Acts 5:12-16

1. God gave the apostles the power to heal. What are 2 ways that helped the early church?

It brought more people to them and it increased the credibility of their message. It also showed very clearly the power of God.

2. There are two reasons why Christians never need to be afraid: Who God is and what God has done. Explain.

God is almighty. There is nothing beyond his power and control. God's mighty acts in both the Old Testament and New Testament shows his power of nature, sickness, and even death.

3. In Acts 5, we've seen people that fear God and people that were afraid of God. What is the difference?

To fear God is to have the highest respect for God. It means to take God seriously., It means to know how we stand before God, what we deserve from him, and to believe without Christ we are under his judgment.

To be afraid of God is to misunderstand him. People afraid of God don't know that his love for sinners is his dominant quality.

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.

People were drawn to God because of his powerful healing through the disciples and then the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Others stayed away because they didn't want to fall under the judgment of God for their sins. The thinking was, if I stay away from them my sins won't be exposed and I'll be OK.

5. Tell what we need to do and not do to achieve or maintain respect for St. Andrew in our community.

We need to serve the community and be intentional in showing Christ's love, especially while representing St. Andrew. We also need to speak the truth in love. How we say what we say is important. We need to be clear that our message of Christ is for all people.

We lose respect if we do the opposite. If we are self-serving and project a message of arrogance, we will lose respect. That message will spread quicker than a positive message.

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.

These passages teach us that Jesus was sensitive to people seeing him as a miracle worker. His primary purpose in coming to earth was to save people from their sins, not to do miracles that make people's lives better.

God always does what is good and he alone knows what is good.