

February 15th, 2026

Sermon: Acts: A Church Is Born | Dangerous Lies

Main text: Acts 5:1-11

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS & QUESTIONS...

Key Reflections/Quotes:

- “When something sacred is being formed, dishonesty can destroy it from the inside before it even has a chance to begin.”
- “Peter doesn’t actually care about the money... the issue was the dishonesty.”
- “Falsehood ruins fellowship.”
- “Love and justice are not opposites in the Bible.”
- “This is descriptive, not prescriptive.”
- “Sometimes when God subtracts, he does it to multiply.”
- “The church must value authenticity over appearance because hypocrisy destroys us from the inside out.”
- “God is holy. He is other.”

Key Questions...

1. Why do you think hypocrisy is so destructive to a church community?
2. The sermon emphasized that the issue wasn’t giving too little, but pretending.
Where are you most tempted to manage appearances spiritually (image, recognition, performance)?
3. How do you personally hold “God is loving” and “God is just/holy” together?
Which side do you tend to over-emphasize—and why?
4. This story produced “great fear” (reverence) in the church, yet the church continued to grow.
What kind of “fear of the Lord” is healthy—and what would it look like in our group?
5. If our group wanted to become a community where integrity is normal, what practices would we need?
(confession, accountability, transparency, prayer, repentance, etc.)