

Going Viral with Confidence
Sermon # 6, Acts 4:32-5:16

Main Point: A viral community is rooted deep with one another and reaches wide into the world.

Getting to Know You

1. What difference have Christian relationships made in your life?

Getting into the Book

Read Acts 4:32-35

1. What is unique about the Christian community described in these verses?
2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in producing this type of community?
3. What are some contemporary examples of this type of giving among Christians?

Read Acts 4:36-5:11

4. What contrast is being emphasized between the example of Barnabas, and Ananias and Sapphira?
5. What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong?
6. Why do you think God responded so decisively in this circumstance? (Leader: Possible answer – This was the beginning of God’s new work. He wanted to communicate that sin would not be tolerated in the church. This is similar to the sin of Achan in Israel’s midst in Joshua 7)

Read Acts 5:12-16

7. How did the Apostles and early Christians reach out to those around them? What was the result?

Getting Out There

8. In what ways can our group and/or church improve in being rooted deep with one another? How about in reaching wide into the world?
9. What can happen to a church when Satan is allowed to get a foothold through sin? What should be done about sin when it is exposed?
10. Have each Family Group member give their answers to these questions:
Who are you reaching? Has anyone had the opportunity to go viral since we last met?
 - a. Reach up in prayer. What are the names of the three people you praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. Reach out in relationship. What steps have you taken to build a relationship with them?
 - c. Reach in with the gospel. When will you take a step of faith and share the gospel or your testimony with them?

Pray

Ask the Holy Spirit to increase our love for one another in this group and the church as a whole. Also ask Him for the power to go viral with those who don’t know Christ yet. You can also pray for God’s work through the upcoming Vacation Bible School.