

4Ws Be The Church: UNMASK | Acts 5:1-16

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 135:1-12** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you ever been in a place where a drink of cold ‘something’ was unbelievably refreshing or a cup of hot ‘something’ was just what you needed? Tell us about what was happening that day or night and how the hot or cold ‘something’ felt as you drank.

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. Discuss the contrasting motives of both Barnabas and of the couple Ananias and Sapphira in (Acts 4:36 to Acts 5:2).
2. Discuss the effects of hypocrisy in a persons life and the church. Share your own experiences on this and how it affected you personally as an individual and the church as a whole.
3. Ananias and Sapphira’s death came as a swift divine judgment from the Lord. Discuss the significance of this judgment in the early church and its relevance in the life of the church today. Is their death necessary?
4. Discuss Jonathan Edwards’s view on this sin which says that “Religious Hypocrisy is an outgrowth of Narcissism”. Cite examples on this in our society today and discuss how we can be made more aware of this considering the role and importance of the church’s community, accountability and most especially the importance of dwelling in God’s word.

WORK

Remind them that we've been talking about Ananias and Sapphira and the lukewarm way they approached their faith. We don't want to get or give the impression that we need to be fearful that God will kill us for a lack of devotion, but we should take some time to think and pray through our understanding of how serious God is about how we pursue Him. Part of our pursuit of Christ is defined by our passion for seeing others come to trust him as their Savior. Ask them to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to DGroup, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends