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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Reclaiming the Fear of God
Key Scripture: Acts 5:1-11
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The Big Picture
The fear of God is a life of deep reverence and sincere obedience to Him. This will determine how we steward His favour, respond to His presence and daily live before Him.

Starter:
Think of someone you really admire. What was it about them that made you want to behave properly around them?

Discussion:
Read the text - Acts 5:1-11

1. What do you understand the 'Fear of God' to mean?
2. Read verses 1 & 2, what exactly did Ananias and Sapphira do?
3. According to verse 3 & 4, what was the real problem that Peter's questions revealed and why was it a problem?
4. Why do you think Ananias and Sapphira did what they did?
5. Read verse 5 & 11. What phrase is repeated and what is the significance? How can we compare it to 2 Tim 1:7. (***See Leader's Note***)
6. What details in Acts 5:1-11 show how seriously God regarded the dishonesty of Ananias and Sapphira?

Diving Deeper:

1. What does the 'Fear of God' mean and how can this knowledge influence the way we relate with God?
2. Why is it important for Christians to walk in the fear of God?
3. What are the benefits associated with having the fear of God? Proverbs 9:10; 14:26 and 16:6.
4. In what situations might the desire for people's approval lead a Christian to compromise their convictions?
5. What are the dangers of losing the fear of God?
6. What are practical steps we can take to daily walk in the fear of God.

Personal Reflection

Am I taking God seriously in every area of my life especially the areas nobody else sees?

Leaders Notes

- Comparison with 2 Timothy 1:7 is very valuable help the Group distinguish between reverence for God's holiness and debilitating fear.
- The sermon highlighted 3 practical ways to live daily in the fear of God. They are practicing God's presence, aligning our actions to the will of God and running to the cross. These can be mentioned/discussed depending on the availability of time.