

# LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—04-24-22)

Welcome to the message series: *Building God's Way*. In this part of our series, we will be studying the New Testament Book of Acts, drawing out essential principles for our lives as Kingdom builders today.

Today's lesson comes from Acts 4-5. In this lesson, and several that follow, we will look at the tactics used by Satan to derail the ministry efforts of the church, as well as, how we can and should navigate such pressures.

## Read Acts 4:32-37

**How would you summarize what life was like in the early church?** We often talk about the oneness and the generosity of the early church. In what ways was that generosity expressed?

One of Satan's schemes to derail the generous spirit of the church is to add in acts of deception.

**DECEPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Some of Satan's most toxic temptations are in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ rather than in area of intellectual misgivings.

**1. The appearance of an \_\_\_\_\_ act:     Read Acts 5:1-2**

From the verses above, how might we describe Ananias and Saphira? How might they have been viewed by others?

**2. The occasion of an \_\_\_\_\_ appeal:     Read Acts 5:3-4**

List and discuss the three facts about this couple:

**FACT #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FACT #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FACT #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

What made Ananias think of doing such a thing? What is it that drives your decisions?

Things to remember when making decisions. (Discuss the importance of each in your group time)

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. The aftermath of their \_\_\_\_\_ decisions:     Read Acts 5:5-11**

What happened to this couple? What does this tell us about God?

**Four ways to keep emotions in check:** (Discuss the importance of each in your group time)

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) \_\_\_\_\_



**Rooted Groups:** What Rooted rhythms were connected to the lesson above? How can we encourage one another to practice these rhythms?