

# The Dangers of Hypocrisy Discussion Questions

Acts 5:1-11

January 11-12, 2020

1. What does it mean to fear God?
2. How does fearing God help us to be faithful to Him?
3. What did Ananias and Sapphira do that was so wrong that God killed them? Why would God do this at this time?
4. How would you feel if you were one of the members of the church when this happened? How would witnessing their deaths affect what you would do and how you would give? Why?
5. Do you feel the American church has lost the fear of God? If so, why do you feel that way? If not, how do you see the American church fearing God?
6. Read the verses below about fearing God given in the sermon. What did you learn about fearing God? How do some of these verses challenge your concept of who God is?
  - Leviticus 10:1-2 – “And a fire came out from before the Lord.”
  - Joshua 7:1, 11, 15 – “Shall be burned with fire.”
  - 2 Samuel 6:5-7 – “And the anger of the Lord.”
  - Jeremiah 32:40 – “The fear of me.”
  - Acts 9:31 – “Fear of the Lord.”
  - Acts 19:17 – “Fear fell upon them all.”
  - Philippians 2:12 – “With fear and trembling.”
  - 1 Peter 1:17 – “With fear.”
  - Hebrews 11:7 – “In reverent fear.”
  - Hebrews 12:28-29 – “With reverence and awe.”
7. If God were to do things like this today, would you do things differently, act differently, give differently, think differently etc.? Why?
8. What should we learn from these verses and the lesson from Ananias and Sapphira?
9. How should we treat the money we receive?
10. Do you have a sin you need to be held accountable for by someone in order to help you to avoid it? Who can you confide in to help you with it? What can you do to change your perspective of this sin?
11. What is hypocrisy? What are some signs of it sneaking its way into our actions and thoughts? How do we battle against it?
12. Which young person can you try each week to encourage to live on mission? What are some ideas that will encourage a young person to do so?
13. How can we be prepared for Satan’s attacks when God is working in our lives?
14. How can we saturate ourselves with the Holy Spirit? Why is this important?