



# STUDY GUIDE

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### [set up]

What does it mean to be authentic?

What does it mean to be *spiritually* authentic?

### [digging deeper]

#### Read Acts 5:1-16

What were the motivators for Ananias and Sapphira to sin the way they did?

List ways we can live out spiritual authenticity -

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List ways we try and live out spiritual image management -

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What does spiritual authenticity look like when we know that we are still flawed and sinful?

Was God overreacting or being unfair or severe in what He did to Ananias and Sapphira?

What might have happened if God just overlooked this incident during the inception of the church?

Look up the following Old Testament accounts and find similarities between what happened in Acts 5 and these events:

Leviticus 10:1-5; Joshua 6:18,19; Joshua 7:1; Joshua 7:10-12

What does it mean to fear God?

Why do we struggle with having a consistent and healthy fear of God?

Look up as many of these verses as you would like to and consider the fear and mercy of God:

Psalm 33:8

Psalm 103:10

Psalm 130:3-4

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 8:13

Proverbs 14:27

Romans 2:2-88

2 Corinthians 7:1

Hebrews 10:31

### **[living it out]**

Write a list of ways that we can cultivate a greater fear of God in our life and homes?

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Write down in one sentence the biggest thought/impression/conviction that you have in light of this study.

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What is one action step/application that you will carry forward in light of this time?

**Close in prayer.** Let the themes of your prayer time focus on the fear of God, holiness, repentance, and spiritual authenticity.