

## Bible Study 8 – Sin in the church – Acts 4:32 - 5:11

*If I want to travel to Western Australia (WA) I need to get approval through G2G PASS. If permitted entry, I must self-quarantine for 14 days and get a COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival and on day 12 of quarantine, or at any point when symptoms develop. I must wear a mask from when I enter WA until I arrive at the quarantine facilities. They don't want someone who is sick to start spreading the disease. This is a picture of what it means to be holy. Today we see that Ananias acted like he has intentionally brought COVID-19 into a nursing home.*

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| <b>The context</b> | Acts describes the spread of Christianity across the Roman Empire (1:8). It begins with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection and ascending to heaven. The Holy Spirit is promised (1:4-8) and arrives to live in believers in Ch. 2. Peter gives the first sermon, & the first church begins. Peter heals a lame man and gives the second sermon. Then Peter & John are persecuted by the religious leaders. |
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 4:32 - 5:11***

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| Generosity & Sharing<br>(v.32-35) |  |
| Good example<br>(v.36-37)         |  |
| Bad example<br>(v.1-2)            |  |
| Judgment<br>(v.3-11)              |  |

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?***

***5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?***

***6. To control the spread of COVID-19 we keep-apart, wear a face mask and get vaccinated. If sin is like COVID-19 what dangerous situations should we avoid in order to avoid sinning?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Sin is a deadly serious matter to God. He judged hypocrisy and deceit in the early church. We cannot hide from God.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

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| I will |
| I will |
| I will |

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

| Who will I tell about this Bible passage? |
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## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

| Person | Prayer points |
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**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

| Person | How will I help them? |
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