



MAY 25-31

How to Ruin A Church

Ice-Breaker

To open, play the game “two truths and a lie.” Each group member shares two truthful things about themselves and their pasts and one lie. The group then has to guess which one is the lie.

Discussion Time

Read

Read Acts 5:1-11 together.

Discuss

1. What part of this reading challenges you? What part encourages you?
2. What questions do you still have?
3. What points stood out to you from the teaching in this week’s sermon?
4. Jim talked about God’s holiness. He said that one side of Christianity we tend to downplay is that God is a holy God, a perfect being, and mortals have no business presuming to stand in his presence. To be chosen by God means being chosen for holiness. Believing in God comes with all the blessings of having a meaningful, purposeful life, but it comes with expectations: expectations that we would become holy people.
 - What does it mean to be holy? What does it take?
 - Do we sometimes focus on the love and grace of God and forget the other side - that he expects us to live differently?
5. The sermon also focused on truthfulness. In light of God’s holiness, it’s important for us to be truthful.
 - What experiences have you had with truth and dishonesty in a Christian context?
 - Jim pointed out that telling the truth builds our character, builds trust (which is essential for good community), and is an example of our trustworthy God to the world. Have you experienced growth from telling the truth when it was difficult? Share some of your successes and failures!



6. What can you apply to your life based on the Scripture, our discussions, and the sermon?

Pray

Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.