

LifeGroup Curriculum

Rival Gods: Success

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INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

God Encounters:
Share some way
you saw God
interact in your
life this week.

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MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:14

"And more than
ever believers
were added to
the Lord,
multitudes of
both men and
women,"

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:12-16

"This week we are presented with another snapshot of the early church, highlighting how the Holy Spirit continued to work through them and their faithful obedience. As we view these snapshots our hearts can begin to desire the success that this early church experienced. Success is a rival god that continues to plague humanity both inside and outside of the church. How do we celebrate what God has done, what He is doing, without succumbing to worshipping the fruit we see instead of the God who orchestrates the fruit?"

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the Scripture Passages listed above. Answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. This is the third snapshot of the early church that Luke gives in his writing of Acts. Why do you think he keeps doing this?
3. On the heels of what just happened (and looking forward to what is about to happen- also look at how this story of Ananias and Sapphira is wedged between two of these snapshots) what is significant about this snapshot of the early church?
4. Compare this snapshot with the other two we've looked at in the past (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37).
5. How is success a rival god in today's culture? In what ways do you succumb to it?
6. How can we enjoy the things of this world without worshipping worldly success?

