



**April 29, 2018**

**Message Title: If You Lie, We Die**

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*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

**Bible Verses:**

- Acts 4:18-20, NIV

**Key Points**

1. Watch the follow-up video with Pastor Brian
2. After the video, play a little game. Go around the circle 3 times. Each time around, share something about you (it can be good or bad) that you think no one else in the group has in common. If someone else does have it in common, they have to say so. (Example, you might reveal that you've broken both of your arms or grew up in Kenya or bungee jumped off the golden gate bridge, etc.).
3. Read Acts 5:1-11.  
Why do you think God struck down Ananias and Sapphira?  
  
What was their sin?  
  
Verse 11 says that everyone who heard about this were afraid. What do you think they were afraid of?  
  
How would that change their behavior?
4. Read Acts 2:36-41. Discuss what happens here with your group.  
  
Verse 37 says that they were 'cut to the heart'. What do you think that means?  
  
How different or similar was it to how they felt in Acts 5:11?

5.	<p>Read Psalm 15:1-3 Is there a difference between “speaking truth” and “speaking truth from your heart”?</p> <p>Talk about how these might be different concepts.</p>
6.	<p>Read John 8:31-32. Jesus says that truth brings freedom. For many of us the truth about ourselves is terrifying. Do you think being authentic is freeing or do you see it in a negative way?</p>
7.	<p>On a scale from 1 to 10, how authentic (real) do you think you are with people in the community of faith (your small group)?</p> <p>(10 is VERY authentic, 0 is you are never real). If you're in small group or doing these questions with another person, take a piece of paper and record your number, then each member share how you scored yourself.</p> <p>What holds you back from a 10?</p> <p>What would it take for you to increase your score (be more authentic) by one or two?</p>
8.	<p>Read Acts 4:32-35. Why do you think authenticity is so important for the Acts 4 church?</p> <p>Is it important for the church today? Why or why not?</p>
9.	<p>Pray for your group today, that you'd be willing to be more real, more authentic together.</p>

**Notes:**