**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 5**

**Acts 5:1-42**

**October 15, 2020**

1. What was meaningful to you in last week’s lesson/lecture?

2. a. Review Acts 4:36, 37. What had Barnabas done?

 b. Possibly Barnabas’ example spurred good intentions in Ananias and Sapphira. Why was their gift less acceptable to the apostles?

 c. When a Christian is tempted to make himself look good before others, what should he remember from these Scriptures?

 Luke 12:2

 Jeremiah 16:17

 Psalm 44:21

3. a. Peter confronted the sin of Ananias and Sapphira and said they had lied to whom?

 b. How important is truthfulness to God in these Scriptures?

 Psalm 101:7

 Proverbs 12:22

 Revelation 21:8

4. a. How did the church react to the swift punishment of Ananias and Sapphira?

 b. What is the message you get in Ecclesiastes 8:11-13?

5. a. What were the apostles doing in verses 12-16 that caused jealousy in the Sadducees (vs. 17)?

 b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, what do you know about spiritual gifts that should dispel any jealousy?

 c. Why do you think people respected them but were afraid to join them openly?

 d. In what way do you see a similarity in our society today?

6. a. Because of jealousy (vs. 17-18), the apostles were imprisoned. Have you ever been harmed – or harmed someone else – because of jealousy? Please share.

 b. The apostles were released from jail by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and told to do what?

7. How did the captain of the guard react when he learned . . .

 . . . the apostles were not in jail?

 . . . they were outside and had to be brought in?

8. When brought in from the temple courtyard to stand before the Sanhedrin, of what were the apostles accused (vs. 28)?

9. How did Peter reply as to . . .

 a. their authority?

 b. their guilt?

 c. the mission of Jesus?

 d. their apostolic authority?

10. a. What was the reaction of the Pharisees?

 b. How do some people react today when convicted by the Holy Spirit?

11. a. In verses 33-39, what do you learn about Gamaliel?

 b. What was his counsel?

 c. How do these Scriptures support that position?

 Psalm 127:1

 Proverbs 21:30

 2 Corinthians 13:8

12. In Acts 5:40, how were the apostles punished?

13. a. Why did the apostles leave rejoicing?

 b. How did Peter share his thoughts on suffering from 1 Peter 3:14-17?

 c. James 1:2-4 gives what comments on trial and persecution?

14. a. What is the good news they never stopped teaching and proclaiming?

 b. Who proclaimed the “good news” to you? Please share.