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**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS**

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Bible Passage: Acts 5:1-11, 17-32

## GETTING STARTED

- Think of a time you had to follow instructions carefully, like a recipe, a game of Simon Says or directions to a new place. What happened when you didn't listen properly? Why is it easier to follow some voices than others?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 5:1-11.** Ananias and Sapphira weren't in trouble for keeping some of the money from their land. It was theirs to keep. Their sin was planning together to lie, pretending they had given everything. In a brand-new church, that deceit worked against the gospel itself. Peter said they had lied to the Holy Spirit (v. 3). They chose their image over listening to, trusting and following God.

- Why does God take honesty so seriously, especially in a young church?
- Where are we tempted to look more faithful than we really are?

# INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 5:17-32.** The apostles were arrested out of jealousy, yet an angel opened the jail and told them to “tell the people all about this new life” (v. 20). They LISTENED to the angel, TRUSTED God even from a jail cell, and FOLLOWED by being back teaching at daybreak. Before the Sanhedrin, Peter’s answer was simple: “We must obey God rather than human beings!” (v. 29).

- Which is hardest for you right now: listening, trusting or following?
- What does obeying God rather than human beings look like at school, work or home?

# GOING DEEPER

Look again at verses 29-32. Peter says the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey God. The apostles were ordinary people, yet God did extraordinary things through them because they kept saying yes.

Sometimes following Jesus is hard, but we can trust Him.

- What might God do through a church full of people who keep saying yes to Jesus?
- Is there something you sense Jesus asking of you that you've been putting off? What would a first step look like?
- How can we help each other listen, trust and follow this week?

## **Prayer**

Thank God that He speaks and that He can be trusted. Ask Him for ears to listen, hearts to trust and courage to follow. Pray for one another by name, and for the next step each person has sensed Jesus asking of them.