



A radical church

This foundation phase in the Christian church includes some radical living and events, whether that is the boldness of the Apostles, the signs and wonders, the rapid growth of the church or the communal life of the church.

Read Acts 4:32 - 37

What words would you use to describe this community?

Although not immediately obvious, what might be the link between the two halves of verse 33? How might confidence in the resurrection continue to transform the way we live as believers today?

How compelling is the idea of a community like this? What might stand in the way of us living like this?

Read Acts 5:1-16

What might have motivated Ananias and Sapphira's giving?

Although it's hard to get the full picture of what has happened, which aspects does Peter point to in v3&4?

Given what we have just read at the end of chapter 4, why is this so sad? Who decides what happens to Ananias? What might this say about how much God cares about his church?

Apply

How should this challenge us?

In what ways do we excuse greed, deceit and hypocrisy in the church?

Pray