


Message Outline

Character Study on Simon Peter:
Church Confrontation
Acts 4:32-5:42



**Small Group Reflection Questions**
(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Intro: Studying the life of Simon Peter...home stretch of series...

v.32-37—Church's economic policy...

- No single system (cf. v.32 vs. v.34-35), but always marked by generosity...

v.1-11—Say what?!! Tough story with tough lessons...

1) _____ (4:32-5:11)

- Churches have problems too...rehab center for the redeemed!

2) _____ (5:3-4)

- The real problem isn't the amount but attitude toward God...lies!
- The reality of judgment...delayed or instant (1Tim.5:24-25).

3) _____ (5:3-4, 8-9)

- Truly "feeding and caring" for flock (Jn.21) means confronting at times...
- How Peter confronts...

a) _____ (v.2)

b) _____ (v.3a)

c) _____ (v.3-4)

d) _____ (v.15)

v.12-16—Healing in Peter's presence...

v.17-18—In jail...again...

v.19—God holds the key!

v.20—Our message in Christ... "new life"!!!

v.21-32—Civil disobedience...again...

v.33-39—Gamaliel's advice...

v.40-42—Rejoicing in suffering?!! Either they lost it, or they have truly found it!!!

Re-PETE Reminders

1) _____ (v.1-11)

2) _____ (v.12ff. ch.3-4)

3) _____ (v.29)

4) _____ (v.31-32)

5) _____ (v.41)

Read: John 6

**From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**In Acts 5:1-11, Peter had to confront Ananias and Sapphira. Think of a time you've had to confront someone. What worked and what didn't? Share.*

**What do you notice about Peter's leadership growth thru this series?*

**Acts 4:32-5:11 show two contrasting stories of people who had been blessed by the church (v.32-37) and buried by the church (v.1-11). Have you ever been helped and/or hurt by the church? Explain.*

**Much of Acts 4:32-5:11 deals with money. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, once said, "Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." What things in the world would be different if we the church lived this way?*