**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 4, 2017**

**Dying To Look Good**

ACTS 5:1-11

**Key truth:** Being a Christian means being changed from the inside out so that you live a life motivated by a genuine love for God and love for people.

1. The Sin was not withholding a portion of the money but

rather their intent to deceive the church.

A. Hypocrisy is lying about who we are so that others will

think more favorably of us.

B. In a real sense hypocrisy is discontentment with who we

truly are.

C. Hypocrisy can be motivated by pride or selfishness.

D. In a spiritual sense, hypocrisy is an attempt to take glory

away from God and project it on ourselves.

2. The Holy Spirit’s response to their hypocrisy:

A. The immediate and drastic consequence for this sin was

death.

B. God reserves the right to punish sin as He chooses.

C. It’s only by the grace of God that some of us are still alive.

D. Beware of testing the grace of God.

E. The fear of God is an essential quality for holy living.

3. Principles on how to avoid the sin of Hypocrisy.

A. Let your generosity toward one another be motivated by

love.

B. Choose to live authentic lives amongst one another.

C. Have a high regard for God’s holiness in all that we do.

D. When the church of Jesus Christ gives generously, lives

authentically and takes God seriously the surrounding

culture will take notice. ACTS 5:12-16

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Live to please God and serve one another with humility.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

For the Week of June 4, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Have you ever been tempted or called out for pretending to be something or someone that you’re not? Do you struggle with being validated or accepted by others?

Read Matthew 23:13-15: Why do you think Jesus attacked the hypocrisy of the Pharisees so fiercely?

Read Galatians 2:11-14: Do you believe that our hypocrisy can have an affect on how others choose to live before Christ?

What was the Apostle Peter guilty of doing? Who else did he lead astray?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3: Do you believe that hypocrisy is something you still have to contend with as a Christian. What are some steps you can take to live an authentic Christian life?

Do you believe that God’s punishment of Ananias and Sapphira was too drastic? Why or why not?