

The God Who Draws & Divides

Acts 5:12-16

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Theme: No one remains neutral when confronted with the holiness of God.

Luke shows three distinct responses produced by the fear of the Lord:

I. The Church Draws Together (vs. 12)

II. The Unbeliever Withdraws (vs. 13)

III. The Convert Draws Near (vs. 14-16)

Questions for Meditation

1. How does this passage fit in context with the Ananias and Sapphira event?
2. What purpose did these signs and wonders serve, and why does Luke continue to emphasize them?
 - a. How should these miracles impact our perspective on the Bible?
3. Why is the Christian tempted to withdraw from the church rather than draw closer to it, in times of trial or sin struggle?
4. Read Acts 4:19, and then Acts 5:17-18. How should we emulate the boldness of the apostles in evangelism, despite any trials that may come?