

MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

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Acts 5:12–16

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13. What do you think about the idea that the church should discipline its members? What could go wrong with this if not done well? What does it look like to do it well?

2. Why do you think many churches don't discipline those who are part of their fellowship, but are committing unrepentant, willful sin against God? What is the danger of not doing it?

3. What are your reflections on Luke 14:25-33? What is Jesus' overall point in this passage? Is that message one that people in the church today should hear more? Why or why not?

4. Why did the people hold the early church in high esteem (Acts 5:13)? How do you think it's possible for this to happen in Chicago? What makes it difficult for people to hold the church in high esteem?

5. Do you think signs and wonders happen today? Why or why not? If you answer yes, why does it seem that they don't happen with the same frequency as in Acts? If you answer no, how do you explain what is described by so many in other parts of the world?

6. Discuss the ministry of faith healers. Do you think what they are doing is legitimate? Why or why not? Would you counsel someone to go and attend a healing service led by a famous faith healer? Why or why not?
