DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
#5 – HONESTY

INTRODUCTION:

* If you found out that someone you trusted deceived you, what would you do?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:
Note: This is not a new problem. Joshua chapter seven describes a time when Achan coveted plunder and thought he could keep it a secret. After a defeat, God said that he would not stay with the Israelites unless they removed the sin from their camp. When they discovered what Achan did, they stoned him and his family and burned them with fire.

Read Acts 4:32 – 5:11
* What did Ananias and Sapphira sell? (1, 2)
* What did they have to gain by lying about the proceeds?
* How did their transaction compare to that of Barnabas? (36, 37)
* What was Ananias' sin? (3-4)
* To whom did Ananias lie? (4) see also Psalm 51:4
* What did Peter ask Sapphira? Why? (1, 8)
* What would you have been thinking if you were carrying out Ananias?
* Do you think God was too severe? Why doesn't this happen today?
* How would the we be different if we had a similar fear of God?
* How do you deal with dishonesty in your work place? In your home?
* In what ways are you tempted to be dishonest in your professional life? Personal life?
* In what ways will your complete honesty make you a blessing and a curse in your workplace?

APPLICATION:
* Is God pleased with your honesty as a husband, father and professional?
* In what ways is the Holy Spirit convicting you of your honesty before God?

1 Pet 4:17 For it is time for the judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Heb 13:18 Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

Proverbs 12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.