

For the week of October 16, 2016  
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# **The Fellowship: Fractured & Opposed**

*Sixth week in the series "Sent: Living the Mission of the Church"*

**Acts 5**

The new community of Jesus followers in Jerusalem continues to face new challenges as they grow. In this story, they face their first internal conflict as members of their group attempt a deceit. They also face increasing pressure from the Jewish leaders of Jerusalem. As these challenges mount, we wonder how they will fare and how God will show up in their struggles.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What challenges have you faced from within a Christian community? Have you seen reconciliation?
2. Are you tempted to think that things in your life have to look a certain way before God can use you? Have you seen God use you in times when you didn't think you were ready?
3. What external pressures have you faced as a Christian? What pressures have you seen the church face?
4. Are you ever tempted to think that your faith is just "of man"?
5. Is there a situation in your life where you need to be reminded to obey God rather than men?