



Session 6: INTEGRITY
Suggested Week of Use: April 10, 2016
Core Passages: Acts 4:36-37; 5:1-11

News Story Summary

In March, 2016, a safety commission for the city of Pacifica, California rejected an appeal by residents of an apartment complex to overturn the city's decision to yellow-tag their apartment complex. A yellow-tag designation means residents are allowed to access the buildings only to remove belongings.

The City of Pacifica ordered evacuations of the building, which sits atop a steep bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, in January. This was after geologists cited a “clear danger” because of erosion. Worsening conditions on the bluffs posed an imminent risk to residents and left the structure unsafe for residents. Although several residents testified that they felt safe in their apartments and didn’t want to leave, the safety commission stuck to their decision.

For more on this story, enter the phrase “Safety Commission Upholds Pacifica's Decision to Yellow-Tag Apartments Due to Erosion” in your search engine.)

Focus Attention

Direct attention to the title of Session 6, “Integrity,” on page 61 of the Personal Study Guide. Share the news story about the condemned apartment complex in California. If you have the capability, you may choose to show the video clip of the news story. Ask: *Do you think the safety commission made the right decision? Would you want to live in a building whose structural integrity had been compromised?*

Transition to the session by explaining that the early church faced a situation in which the integrity of the body of Christ was at stake. While the consequences may seem harsh or shocking to you, this story is a reminder that believers are to take sin within the church seriously.

Challenge

Remind the group of the news story. Challenge them to consider any actions, attitudes, or thoughts that could make your church “unfit for habitation” by the Holy Spirit. Encourage them to name actions, attitudes, and thoughts that can build up, strengthen, and support your church.