



Reflection Questions

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The Decalogue – Truth is Absolute

Exodus 20:16

The ninth commandment, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor," reminds us of the significance of truth and the consequences of deception. God, being the ultimate standard of truth, desires that His people live in honesty and integrity, refraining from lies and deceit in their words and actions.

Reflection Questions:

1. In Ephesians 4:17-18, Paul talks about the futility of the Gentiles' minds and their darkened understanding. How would you describe what he means by the "futility of their minds"?
2. How does the concept of a "hardness of heart" contribute to a darkened understanding?
3. What are some connections between the darkness in the minds of the Gentiles and the darkness that covered Egypt in the 9th plague?
4. In what ways can we see the contrast between living in darkness and living in the truth of Jesus?
5. How does the ninth commandment, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor," relate to the idea of living in truth and avoiding deception?
6. Why do you think God places such a strong emphasis on truth and honesty?
7. Can you think of any examples in your own life where you have been tempted to lie or bear false witness? How do those instances align with God's standard of truth?
8. How does the culture we live in today often blur the lines between truth and lies?
9. What can we do as believers to be people of truth and combat the confusion and deception in the world around us?