

**FACT  
CHECK**

*things  
Jesus  
never  
said*

A NewStory Church Series

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part I: *God Would Never...*

**Icebreaker:** No one likes to be misquoted. Can you think of and share an example of a time when you were misquoted or a time when you misquoted someone else? What kind of feelings were stirred and why? What was the end result?

1) Discuss the phenomenon of “Fact-Checking.” Where do you see it? Why do you suppose it exists? What is your internal (and automatic) method of checking facts or do you generally accept various truth statements at face value?

Genesis 3:1 was given as an example of the “first ever fact-check.” What are some other examples in the Bible of fact-checking?

2) Be honest. When have you heard and/or shared some variation of the “Christian-cultural-cliché” pictured on the right? What was the circumstance? Who was involved? What was the intent?

3) Three usual suspects were identified in the production and propagation of various “Faith-based Fake News” headlines like the one pictured above. Use the prompts below to name each one and then discuss the trappings of each.

- MIS\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word (practical issue – *What we do...* )  
ex: I Corinthians 10:13; James 1:13-14; Matthew 4:5-7

- MISUNDERSTANDING God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (theological issue – *Who God is...* )  
ex: Matthew 7:9-11; Luke 11:13



- MIS\_\_\_\_\_ God’s intent (hermeneutical issue – *What God is saying...*)  
ex: Philippians 4:13

4) What feels like too much for YOU today?

And how do the truths above as well as the fact that God will never give you more than HE can handle, help? What does trusting God more in that specific, overwhelming, area of your life look like? Spend a few moments as a group, praying for one another and these areas of challenge.