

## Sermon Notes

### We are Set Free to Live Free

**Exodus 20:16 (ESV)** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)**

**Why (and How) We Lie:**

- **To avoid negative consequences**
  - Deceit / Partial Truth
- **To protect an illusion of who we are**
  - Exaggeration / Twisting Words
- **To get what we want or remain in control**
  - Flattery / Pride
- **To punish others / Proverbs 25:18 (ESV)**
  - Gossip / Slander

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)**

**Are you a Liar? Be Honest:**

**1) With Yourself / Proverbs 14:8 (NLT)**

**Humility: being known for who you truly are**

**2) With Others**

- **Speak the Truth in Love / Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)**
- **Die to Deception / 1 Peter 3:8-12 (ESV)**

**3) With God / Psalm 32:1-5 (ESV)**

## Discussion Questions

- 1)** What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2)** Read Romans 13:8-10. What connection do you see between the last 6 commandments and Jesus' Command to *love your neighbor as you love yourself*?
- 3)** Have you ever struggled with lying in the past (or present)? Why do you lie? How do you lie? What are the most frequent ways that those closest to you lie?
- 4)** What would it look like for you to be honest with yourself? Are you able to be honest about your struggles, weaknesses, hurts, and/or failures?
- 5)** Are you able to *speak the truth in love* to others? Read 1 Peter 3:8-12. What aspect of deception do you need to die to in order to *love life and see good days*? Read Psalm 32:1-5. Where do you need to be honest with God about your sin and struggles?