

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:16

Right relationships require truth.

- Matthew 18:15–16
- Leviticus 19:11

We lie for many reasons.

- Genesis 4:9
- Leviticus 5:1
- Leviticus 6:2–3
- 1 John 4:20
- Deuteronomy 19:16–19

God doesn't condemn lies that help others.

- Hebrews 11:31

The consequence of lying is confusion.

- John 14:6.

- 1 Corinthians 14:33

- John 8:44
- Isaiah 5:20
- 1 John 1:7

The solution to lies is truth.

- Discover the truth by aligning it with scripture.
- Discover truth through multiple eyewitnesses.
- Be radically honest with yourself.
- We must be honest with each other in love.
 - Proverbs 27:6
 - Ephesians 4:1

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Share a time when choosing to tell the truth cost you something.
2. **Read Genesis 3:1-8.** What role did deception play in the fall of Adam and Eve? Who were they bearing false witness (lying) about? What were the results of these actions?
3. **Read Proverbs 12:19-20 and 19:5.** According to these verses, what will be the outcome for those who habitually lie or use deceit? What are some of the consequences of lying?
4. **Read Colossians 3:9-10 & Ephesians 4:22-25.** What sins often accompany lying? In Ephesians 4:25, what reason did Paul give for speaking truthfully to one's neighbor?
5. Write down as many reasons as you can for why people lie. Which reasons do you find yourself using the most often to justify lying?
6. Why is it important for us, as a group, to commit to the heart behind the full meaning of the Ninth Commandment? How will it impact us if we do not?
7. How does being people characterized by truth give us more credibility when sharing Christ with others?

GOING FURTHER

PERSONAL REFLECTION: What lies do you need to confess and repent of? To whom do you need to make amends for the lies you've told them?

MEMORIZE: *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

Colossians 3:9-10 NIV