### **CONNECT QUESTIONS**

- 1) Thinking about this week, what is something you are thankful for or something you would like prayer for?
- 2) Read Matthew 5:33-37 and reflect on the sermon from Sunday. What stands out to you?
- 3) How does Jesus' teaching on making oaths in Matthew 5:33-37 challenge my understanding of honesty and integrity in my daily conversations?
- 4) How have I been tempted to use exaggerated promises or oaths to convince others?
- 5) How can I ensure my words reflect truthfulness and reliability, avoiding the need for promises to assert my sincerity?
- 6) What practical changes can I implement in my life to align with Jesus' teaching to let my "Yes" be "Yes" and my "No" be "No"?
- 7) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

#### **Memory Passage**

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

— 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

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## - August 14, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Call to Worship Earl Murray

**Songs of Praise** "House of the Lord"

"Yours Is the Kingdom"

"Way Maker"

Prayer Bill Bonenfant

Announcements Pastor Travis

Sermon Felisha Caldeira

The Weight of Our Words

Songs of Praise "All I Am"

"Doxology"

**Benediction** 

### Matthew 5:33-37 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

# Notes: The Weight of Our Words
