

10 Commandments

The power of your words

September 17th, 2023

A Study of Exodus 20:16

Exodus 20:16 (LSB)

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Old Testament:

Leviticus 5:1 (LSB), Exodus 23:1 (LSB), Leviticus 19:16 (LSB)

New Testament:

John 8:44 (LSB), Ephesians 4:17-32 (LSB)

1) The _____ that you live by will impact your _____.

2. What are words shouldn't be used for according to God?

Matthew 26:59-61 (LSB), Proverbs 17:4 (LSB), James 4:11-12 (LSB), Romans 1:28-32 (LSB)

- A.
- B.
- C.

3. How does God expect us to use our words?

Ephesians 4:29 (LSB), James 1:26 (LSB), Ephesians 4:32 (LSB)

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (LSB)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

4. This is _____ to God.

Matthew 12:33-37 (LSB)

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. **Fidelity and Trust:** How do faithfulness and trustworthiness play a central role in keeping the ninth commandment? Can you think of examples from your own life where dishonesty eroded trust?

2. **The Power of Words:** Share personal experiences where words had a significant impact, either positively or negatively. How can words shape lives and relationships?

3. **Accountability for Words:** Discuss the idea presented in Matthew 12:33-37 that we will be held accountable for our words. How does this perspective on accountability influence the way we should speak and interact with others?

4. **Practical Steps:** What practical steps can you take to ensure that your words align with the principles of truth, kindness, and building up others, as discussed in the sermon and relevant Bible verses?

*Expanded notes are available in the foyer.