



Bearing False Witness

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Exodus 20:16, Exodus 23:1-9, Ephesians 4:25-26, 29-32, Philippians 4:8

1. What do these verses teach us about true and false witness? What are the main principles?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

2. Consider this summary and explanation of the 9th commandment from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism:
We should fear and love God, so that we do not lie about, betray or slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

- How is this summary helpful in applying the 9th commandment to our lives and relationships?
 - What does it mean to put “the best construction on everything”?
3. Conflict is a true test of our ability to be fair and just in our hearts and in our words toward others. In conflict, it’s easy to minimize our sin and to amplify the sins of others. In conflict, it’s easy for us to assume the roles of judge, jury, prosecutor, and star witness. In conflict, things seem to fall apart...
 - How can we navigate conflict in a healthy and Godly way and avoid the trap of false witness?
 4. How do we apply the challenge of the 9th commandment to our engagement online?
 5. Read James 3:5-10. Talk about the challenges found in these verses. What can we do about this?
Now read James 3:13-18. What stands out about this advice?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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