

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Discussion Questions 5/7/23

Commandment #9 - Do Not Bear False Witness

Intro: What does it mean to bear false witness? There is lying, there is slander, and then there is blasphemy. God takes all of these seriously because he is a God of truth and desires for his people to live in truth. God cares about justice and the role our words play in justice.

Story: Pastor Jonathan shared how the enemy brought on the whole fall of humanity based on lies. Sometimes we still fall for the lies of the enemy. How have you used God's truth to fight temptation?

Read: Exodus 20:16

1. God uses his word to tell us exactly who he is. What are some things that God tells us about himself? Why are these qualities important?
2. Read Proverbs 18:8. Why does God have a problem with gossip, slander, and blasphemy? How do they impact his community of people?
3. If God does not lie about his promises then what promises do you need to be reminded of in this season of life?
4. Read John 8:31-37. Jesus said that the religious people belonged to the father of lies. That's heavy. Based on this reading, how can society around us know that we belong to our heavenly Father and not the father of lies?
5. Read Exodus 23:1-9. This passage shows time and time again that one of the main issues with lying is the denying of justice to another. Have you considered that God places on his followers to see that justice is prominent in society? What are practical ways in your life, home, work, community, etc. that you can pursue justice for others?

Pray for:

- The promises your group members said they need to be reminded of.
- Pray that God would lead you into all truth.
- Pray for courage to shut down gossip that you hear.