



Nothing but the Truth
The Sixth Commandment

Introduction:

Big Idea: Healthy _____ with God and man _____ the truth

1. Lying _____ relationships

- A _____ context
- Truth under fire
- The _____ of lies

-Lying _____

-Lying _____

-Lying destruction

2. The truth _____ relationships

- We are of the truth
- We should _____ the truth

Conclusions & Applications:

Day One

Read: Joshua 14
Discuss:
Learn: Exodus 15:11
Praise: *An attribute of God*
Pray: *Missionaries*

Day Two

Read: Mark 12
Discuss:
Learn: Exodus 15:11
Praise:
Pray: *Salvation of others*

Day Three

Read: Mark 13
Learn: Exodus 15:11
Praise: *Salvation*
Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Day Four

Read: Psalm 30
Discuss:
Learn: Exodus 15:11
Praise: *God's creation*
Pray: *Government and military*

Day Five

Read: Hebrews 13
Discuss:
Learn: Exodus 15:11
Praise: *God's provision*
Pray: *Friends and family*

Acts 2:42 Community Group Study Questions

For the week of January 30, 2011

Getting Started

1. When you were a kid, did you ever lie to avoid being caught? Did it work?

Into the Bible

2. Read through Ephesians 4:13 and 4:17-25. Write down any observations, applications, or questions you have related to truth in a believer's life from this passage.

In Jesus' day, making vows was a big deal. The problem was that instead of using vows to uphold truth, they used vows to evade truthfulness in vows. For example, the Pharisees made levels of vows so that they could break them (see Matthew 23:16). This is the context of Matthew 5:33-37. Study through those verses for the following questions.

3. How does the concept of a vow show a low view of truth? In other words, when someone says something like, "I swear on a stack of Bibles," what does that show about them?
4. What is Jesus' standard for truthfulness in our world?
5. What is the source of anything other than truthfulness in our speech? It is interesting to see how different versions translate the end of verse 37.
6. Can you think of a modern example of this?

Application

7. Think of some examples of how our society's rejection of absolute truth affects our everyday view of truth and lying.
8. Pastor Mike mentioned many ways we reflect a low view of truth in our lives and speech. What did he mention? Are there others you could add to the list?
9. What is the difference between being brutally honest and speaking the truth in love? Give examples of when you've experienced either brutal honesty or truth spoken in love.
10. Have you ever been in a situation to speak the truth in love to somebody? How did you use the opportunity? What was difficult? What did you learn through the process?
11. If you're facing a problem in your home, marriage, or life, how is asking for help a commitment to truth? How does it promote self-deceit when you don't ask for help?

Prayer Requests: