



LifeGroups Week 1

Sermon Date:
Sep. 7, 8, 2019

Bible Passage:
Exodus 20:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

~ Exodus 20:16 ESV ~

Discussion starter options: Did you ever tell a "little white lie" as a child? If yes, how did you feel about it? Have you ever been lied to by a person you thought you could trust? How did that make you feel towards that person?

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Questions: HEAD – HEART – HANDS

HEAD: These questions help us examine what the Word says

1. Read Genesis 3:1-5. What subtle change in God's words, as found in 2:16-17, did the Serpent make, and to whom was God speaking?
2. At the time God gave His commandment concerning which trees were for food and which tree was off limits (Gen. 2:16-17), where was the woman?
3. Given the answers in 1 and 2 above, how do you suppose the woman knew how to respond to the serpent correctly (Gen. 3:2-3)?
4. Is there any significance to the fact that the serpent seemed to focus on the woman in 3:1 and 3:4?
5. Where was the man and why didn't he engage in this conversation since he was the one with firsthand knowledge of God's commandment?
6. In 3:4 the serpent simply denies God's word about the one forbidden tree – *"You will not surely die."* First a subtle distortion, then a flat out denial of the truth. With what kind of "promise" does the serpent link this denial of God's truth?
7. Read Genesis 3:8-13. What kind of suffering entered into the relationship of the man and the woman after their disobedience was exposed by God?ⁱ
8. Read Genesis 3:14-24. Summarize, as best as you can, the consequences that have flowed from the first man and woman believing a lie.



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- **HEART:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe
 9. Why is **TRUTH** so important to God?

 10. Read Romans 1:18-23. Knowing the truth and accepting the truth are two different things. Can you explain Paul's reason for mankind's rejection of the truth?

- **HANDS:** These questions help us bring the truth and beliefs into our everyday lives.
 11. Look back at question 6. The lies that Satan and the world offer us are usually distortions of God's truth that always seem to promise something better than what God offers us. Discuss why we are so prone to embrace those lies and reject God's truth?

 12. Read Psalm 119:160a; Isaiah 45:19; and John 1:14; 14:6; 17:17. In a world full of lies, how can we know the **TRUTH**?

 13. Discuss the various ways in which TRUTH (John 8:31-32) can set us free.

ⁱ For those who want to explore further here you might ask someone in the group to study why the man was directly confronted by God in 3:8-12 when it was the woman who had "listened" to the serpent and initiated the disobedience. Have them share the results of their study the following week with the group.