

ICE BREAK

- Which profession do you most trust? Least trust?
- What is the biggest/worst lie you have believed?

STUDY

This week we focus on the power of LIES and its effect on relationships as we study the power of Integrity..

What did you hear in this week's sermon that was new about the manner in which we lie and its effects?

1. **Psalm 51:6** a. Exactly how does God Delight when we are truthful? b. When have you been most delighted in telling the truth? c. How do you know you are being truthful-from your heart outward?
2. **Proverbs 6:16-19** a. How did you react to God hating something? b. Why is lying mentioned 2X? c. How are pride and deception related? d. When have you struggled with pride? e. How does someone recognize their own pride?
3. **John 8:44: Satan the father of lies and murderer** a. How do we murder someone when we lie?
4. **Exodus 20:16: 9th commandment: False Witness** a. How does lying affect our relationship with God, with others, with ourselves?
5. **Exodus 23: 1-2, 6-8 False witness & community** a. How does our lying affect our entire community? The church? Your Family? b. How does honesty affect them?
6. **Common Expressions: Distortion, Exaggeration, Gossip/Slander, Flattery.** a. Which of those has caused you the most trouble/temptation? b. How do we often justify gossip? c. How do you react in a conversation where gossip is occurring? d. Talk about a time when being truthful was painful for you. e. What is the most painful truth about yourself you have faced?

John 1:14-Jesus full of grace & truth, John 14:17 He lives in us and will be with us. a. How does Jesus always being with you give you comfort, discomfort? b. When we lie how does God react-withdraw, draw closer?

REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss: What's it like to be in a community, church, family full of grace and truth.

PRAY

- Pray for each other's needs and for discovering more truth in Christ and courage to live out that truth.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission God has given each of us to live out daily lives of grace and truth. .