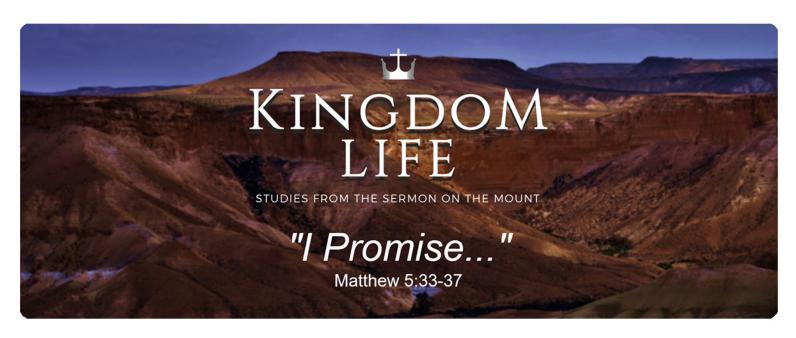


Small Discipleship Groups Sermon Guide Questions 23 OCTOBER 2022



Conversation starter to begin:

Can you think of a time you regretted something you said, and if so, why?

Is it easy for you or not to "say no," and why?

Next:

Read **Matthew 5:33-37** aloud. Before you begin, pray and ask God to illuminate you, to show you where he has been at work and present in the previous days, and through others; ask Him to illuminate the Scripture to you. Pause in your prayer, listen, and pursue His leading.

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- 1. What might cause someone to doubt you to the point when they would want you to make an oath to "prove" your intentions?
- 2. What types of things did people swear by according to these verses? Why does Jesus say they shouldn't make such oaths?
- 3. Why is keeping a promise so important?
- 4. A "white lie" is an untruth about a seemingly small or unimportant matter that someone tells to avoid hurting another person. In light of the passage, what do you make of the "white lie" (that is not uncommon in culture)?
- 5. In what way did Jesus give them a new or higher standard here?
- 6. Where does Jesus in this passage convict you regarding "yes" and "no"? What are you going to do about it?
- 7. Pray as it flows from your discussion. How might God be inviting your group to respond and make an application?

