

The Closer My True Self is to God's Truth

The less I will lie

John 8:32 *If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

I Lie Because: _____

Life Group / Reflection Questions

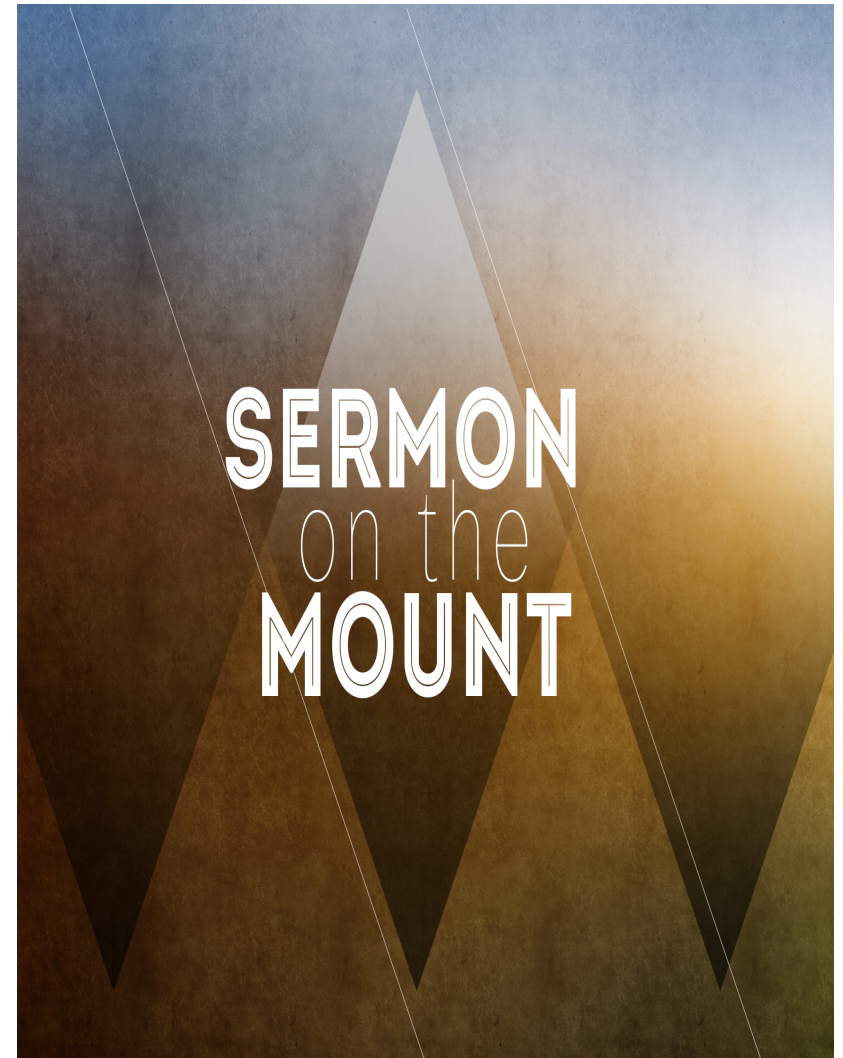
- Who do you lie most often to: others, God, or yourself? Explain.
- What do you think might be the cause behind your lies?
- What are some of the consequences you've experienced as a result of telling lies?

If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation. With your Bible or your Bible App, read and discuss John 8:44, Jeremiah 9:5, Acts 5:1-4, and Psalm 119:27-29.

- Are there certain situations where you tend to lie more than others? If so, what are they?
- What are some of the lies you believe about yourself?
- How have you been hurt by the lies of others?
- How different do you think your life would be if you truly lived in God's truth without any lies?

Next Steps:

- What steps do you need to take to stop believing and speaking lies and start living in the truth?



Sunday May 7th, 2015
"Cultivating Honesty"
Matthew 5:33-37

Sermon on the Mount
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MATTHEW 5:33-37

Sermon on the Mount is an invitation into Jesus’ Kingdom:

- *A Society where Jesus is King and we are not*
- *A Society where its citizens imitate and reflect the heart of Jesus*

The Dangers of Dishonesty

We lie to Others : Dishonesty undermines our relationships

Jeremiah 9:5 Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie;

Matthew 23:16-22

We Lie to God: Dishonesty is rebellious to the Heart of God

Acts 5:4 What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

Numbers 23:19, Exodus 6:7 – God is a Commitment Keeper

Proverbs 12:22 – God Detests Lies

John 8:44 – Satan is the Father of Lies

We lie to Ourselves : Dishonesty damages our Souls

Palm 119:29 *Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.*

1 John 2:4 *If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.*

Matthew 5:33-37 ³³ *“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.*

Disciples of King Jesus are marked by their Honesty

How to Cultivate Honesty

Integrity in your Words

- **Be committed to Simple Honesty**
- **Be aware every word is before God**
- **Be honest in your Weakness and Inability**

Integrity in your Actions

- **Honor your Commitments**

Integrity towards God

- **Go all in, or not at all!**

Luke 9:62

- **Be Honest with God**

Hebrews 4:13, Psalms 139:2-4