



Sermon Discussion Questions

February 22, 2026

Exodus 20:16; Matthew 5:33-37

The 9th Commandment

1. Pastor Clint discusses how exaggeration is a 'blood relative to a lie.' How can seemingly harmless exaggerations impact our Christian witness? Think about the last time you exaggerated something - what was your motivation for doing so?
2. How does Jesus's teaching in Matthew 5:33-37 about letting your 'yes be yes' and your 'no be no' apply to our modern communication, especially on social media? In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to be completely straightforward and honest?
3. The sermon identifies five questions to ask before speaking about others. Which of these questions do you find most challenging to implement, and why? How might your conversations change if you consistently applied these five questions before speaking?
4. Pastor Clint explains how gossip in churches can be like termites in a house - looking fine on the outside while destroying the inside. What are some ways we can maintain genuine care for others without slipping into gossip? What boundaries can you set in your own life to ensure your conversations about others remain genuinely caring rather than gossip?
5. How does bearing false witness against our neighbor relate to our understanding and presentation of the Gospel to others? In what ways might your handling of truth and honesty be helping or hindering others' view of Christianity?