



Group Questions | June 5 | Week 7

SERIES RECAP

When Jesus came in the flesh, he set an example of what life was always supposed to look like. This series will be a verse by verse journey through one of the most important sermons ever preached. When Jesus gathered His early followers on the side of a mountain, he shared these words to prepare them for the calling they were stepping into as Kingdom people.

CONNECTION

This Sunday, we started with a funny video of little kids lying to their parents. And while these blatant lies from a 3-year-old were funny, it's much less funny when a 30-year-old is constantly lying.

It's clear from these verses that it was common to swear an oath by something else, whether the Lord, heaven, the earth, or your own head. It's kind of interesting if you stop to think about it. Why do you think we began to swear by other things? What value does this add to an oath or promise?

TENSION

Since these verses cover oath-keeping and lying, how would you explain that lying is wrong?

Here's another verse from the apostle Paul on why Jesus followers shouldn't lie. Can someone read Colossians 3:9-10?

It's one thing to say nobody should lie. But why do you think it's essential for Christians to be people of their word and not to lie?

TRUTH

Can someone read Matthew 5:37 again?

What stands out to you in this verse? What do you think Jesus means by "anything else comes from the evil one?"

It was pointed out on Sunday that honesty is a matter of integrity. However, the religious leaders in Jesus' day had made honesty a matter of image rather than integrity. How do you delineate between this? How can you know if you're making it a matter of image or integrity?

APPLICATION

Speaking in and living in truth is hard enough, but they're even more challenging if you're doing life alone. We all need people in our lives who can hold us accountable.

Why do you think it's important to have others in your life that you trust to hold you accountable to both speak and act in truth?

Do you have a person like that in your life?

PRAY