

Series: Respect What?

Scripture: Exodus 20:16

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#### —[ LET'S TALK ]—

• How trusting are you of other people? Why?

### -[ LET'S WARM UP ]-

- When has lying gotten you in trouble? What were your motivations for lying?
- Have you ever been tempted to lie, but chose instead to tell the truth?
- In the act of killing a person, we make a distinction between murder and selfdefense; does a similar distinction exist with the act of not telling the truth?

# –[ LET'S DIG | CHOOSE 1 ]–

- Read 1 Samuel 20:30-33, 42; 21:1-9; 22:9-23; and wrestle with David's decision to lie.
  - What are the major events leading up to David speaking with the priest, Ahimelek?
  - 2. Why does David tell Ahimelek that "The king sent me on a mission" (a lie)? What if David trusted God and told the truth?
  - What happens to Ahimelek and his family?
    Is David really responsible, or is Saul? Or are both responsible? Explain your answer.

- Read Proverbs 29:25; Luke 16:10-15; Hebrews
  12:7-9; and talk about God's promises.
  - 1. Which promise combats lying motivated by fear of losing one's reputation?
  - 2. Which promise combats lying motivated by fear of physical harm?
  - 3. Which promise combats lying motivated by fear of facing consequences?
  - 4. What are other promises or truths from God that combat lying?

## —[ LET'S ACT ]—

- Make a daily commitment individually and as a family that from now on you are going to be truth tellers no matter what!
  - 1. Make it clear that there will be serious consequences for telling lies and spell them out.
  - 2. Demonstrate that when the truth is volunteered there will be mercy and fewer consequences.
  - 3. Regularly talk about the sin of lying by pointing out characters in the bible who suffered consequences for their lies and by pointing out modern day examples as well.



#### -[ SERMON REVIEW ]-

- Scriptures referenced: [Ps 34:11-14] [Prv 6:16-19; 25:10; 26:28] [Isa 57:11] [Jn 8:44]
- Lying is wrong because it means we don't trust God.
- The essence of lying is self-deceit: convincing ourselves that whatever we are lying about is worth the benefit that we will gain.
- Lying is wrong because it brings trouble into our relationships.
- Even a lie told because you don't want to hurt someone is often just a way to protect yourself.
- Lying will bring you worse consequences than facing the truth.

## —[ NOTES ]—

