



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: Respect What?

Scripture: Exodus 20:16

Date: May 28 & 29, 2016

—[ 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 self-defense; 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.
  1. 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?
  3. 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.

