EXODUS 20:16 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DO NOT LIE - (SERMON MP3)

What are the driving motivations that prompt lying in our lives? In other words	s, why do we lie? Look at the following examples of lying and identify
possible motivation(s).	

		Exaggeration	False flattery	V	erbal maneuvers	ŀ	Half-truths
		Cheating	Making up excuses	M	isrepresentations		Other
_		uld we tell the truth? Look up the follogeasons we should tell the truth?	wing verses and describe s	some of the rati	onale for honesty. Car	n you share any prac	etical or MSN
		Col. 3:8-10		•	Rev. 21:27		
		Eph. 4:25		•	John 8:31-32		
Why i	s it	that the worst possible lie we can tel	l is a lie about God?				ws.
		How are idolaters guilty of lying about God ((Isaiah 44:20)?				MINISTR
		How are false teachers or preachers guilty of	f lying about God (Jeremiah 1-	4:14)?			
		How are you guilty of lying about God at time	es?				
Read (Acts 4:32-5:11). What made Ananias and Sapphira's sin so severe? Why do you think lying was punished with death in this instance?							
		How do you think this situation affected the	church?				MINISTR
		What should we learn from this story in Scri	oture?				
		Describe how the Lord feels about lying (Pro	ov. 6:19; 12:22).				
		tarts out as a truth teller. We lie from a wit describes our sinful tongues.	a very young age displayin	ng the fact that v	we are liars (Ps. 58:3).	Look at (Rom. 3:13-	-14) and
		In (Matt. 15:18-19) Jesus says that what cor our hearts are	nes out of the mouth proceeds	s from the	So according	to (Jer. 17:9) we lie wi	th our tongues because
		What hope is there for liars like us? Advice I according to (Rev. 22:15; 21:27).	ike, "Just stop lying" doesn't n	eally work to solve	e our deep-rooted probler	n. If there is no change	then we have no hope

Read (John 14:6; John 8:32). How do these passages point to the hope of the gospel?

If someone lied, what should they do to resolve it? What are some practical and biblical points of advice you could offer to someone who struggled with lying?



What do you need to know, believe or do in response to what you've encountered in the Word on Sunday or as a result of this study? Practical applications of truth for life?

DIGGING DEEPER (FOR EXTRA PERSONAL STUDY)

The command to cease from lying is not simply the avoidance of falsehood, but also a commitment to truth telling. Taping your mouth, remaining silent or refusing to speak does not fulfill the intent of the 9th Commandment. You have to speak truth (Ephesians 4:25).

- In what everyday life situations are you called to stand up for the truth?
- What are the most difficult truth telling times in your life? When do you face the tension of being silent versus speaking up and stating what is true? Can you give an example?
- Tell about a time you told the truth when it would have been easier to lie. What were the results of standing up for the truth?
- How does our culture respond to the idea of truth? How would you defend the idea of universal or absolute truth to a skeptic?

Truth is part and parcel with God, whereas lying is an intrinsic characteristic of Satan. Look up the following references and identify who is being described. Circle (G) for "God" and (S) for "Satan." Create a profile in the associated boxes, adding to it if you wish.

John 8:44 G S John 14:6 G S Titus 1:2 G S Gen. 3:1-5 G S	1 Sam. 15:29 G S
What can we learn from this dichotomy of natures?	PRAYER REQUESTS
How does this relate to our practice of truth telling or lying?	
Whose image do we bear?	
Respond to the following quote: "There is no godliness without truthfulness." Do you agree or disagree and why?	
Back in 1803, the Long Run Baptist Church in Louisville, KN, had a church fight and resultantly split apart. There was a theological debate over the issue of lying. The question was, if an Indian raiding party comes and demands of you to tell them where you have hidden your children, are you obligated to tell them the truth or are you allowed to tell them a lie? Is it ever okay to lie or deceive? What do you think about the following case studies?	
Jonathan lies to his father, Saul about David (1Sam. 20:27-29).	
Rahab lies about the location of the Hebrew spies (Joshua 2:2-6).	
Israelite midwives lie concerning male infants (Exodus 1:19).	
Israel uses military deception (Joshua 8:1; 2Sam. 5:22).	
You leave the lights on in your home when you leave at night so that it looks like you are still at home.	
When an elderly woman asks, "Am I still beautiful?" and she's not talking about the beauty of a meek and quiet spirit (1Pet. 3:4).	
When an elderly man is facing his last days and you withhold how awful his physical predicament is.	