

Talk Truthfully

1.15.12

Ephesians 4:25

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) Where do lies come from (see also Gen. 3:1-7; John 8:42-47)? Is it ever “ok” to lie? What if it’s a harmless lie, or a lie to benefit someone else (like lying about whether someone is Jewish during World War II)? If so, what makes some lies ok and others not ok? If it’s never ok to lie, why not?
- 2) Do you think that telling the truth is foundational to community? Why or why not? How have you seen lies impact relationships (see also Acts 5:1-11; 1 Kings 13:11-26)?
- 3) What did Pastor Jim say were the four aspects of “putting off falsehood”? How have you seen these in your life or the lives of others (make sure you don’t gossip when answering this question!)?
- 4) What did Pastor Jim say were the four aspects of “speaking truthfully to one another? Which of the four (reliability, authenticity, discernment and guidance, or testimony) is easiest for you? Which are most difficult? How can you work to better “speak truthfully” to those in your small group?
- 5) Pastor Jim read a quote from a famous Christian which said, “If the eye sees a serpent does it lie to the foot? Or if the nose smells a deadly drug will it lie to the mouth? Or if the tongue tastes something bitter, will it lie to the stomach?” What do you think this means? How is it a reflection of the necessity to tell the full truth to one another?
- 6) Why do you think sometimes it is so difficult to tell the truth to one another? Is there anyone in your life you are feeling convicted about in terms of putting off falsehood and telling the truth to?
- 7) How, as a small group, might you apply and facilitate the putting off falsehood and speaking truthfully to one another?