

# EXODUS 20:16 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## DO NOT LIE - (SERMON MP3)

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

Exaggeration

False flattery

Verbal maneuvers

Half-truths

Cheating

Making up excuses

Misrepresentations

Other

**Why should we tell the truth?** Look up the following verses and describe some of the rationale for honesty. Can you share any practical or personal reasons we should tell the truth?

● Col. 3:8-10

● Rev. 21:27

● Eph. 4:25

● John 8:31-32



**Why is it that the worst possible lie we can tell is a lie about God?**

● How are idolaters guilty of lying about God (Isaiah 44:20)?

● How are false teachers or preachers guilty of lying about God (Jeremiah 14:14)?

● How are you guilty of lying about God at times?



**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?

● What should we learn from this story in Scripture?

● Describe how the Lord feels about lying (Prov. 6:19; 12:22).



**No one starts out as a truth teller.** We lie from a very young age displaying the fact that we are liars (Ps. 58:3). Look at (Rom. 3:13-14) and notice how it describes our sinful tongues.

● In (Matt. 15:18-19) Jesus says that what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_. So according to (Jer. 17:9) we lie with our tongues because our hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

● What hope is there for liars like us? Advice like, "Just stop lying" doesn't really work to solve our deep-rooted problem. If there is no change then we have no hope according to (Rev. 22:15; 21:27).



