

LIARS TELL LIES | WEEK 1 GROUP CONTENT

SERMON QUESTIONS:

Don't rush these questions. Let Scripture do the work. Don't feel like you need to answer all the questions. If the conversation becomes heavy, gently remind the group that Jesus has already overcome the world.

1. **Recognizing the Battle.** *Read: Ephesians 6:12*

The message framed life with Christ as a real spiritual conflict, not a neutral space. When have you recently felt the tension between truth and lies in your own thinking or decisions? Which enemy do you most recognize at work right now—the **world**, the **flesh**, or the **devil**? Why?

2. **Identifying the Lies We Live.** *Read: John 8:43–45*

The sermon emphasized that the greatest danger isn't just lies we tell, but lies we *live*. Is there a belief about God, yourself, or others that you've been functioning as if it were true—even if you know it may not fully align with Scripture? How has that belief shaped your emotions, habits, or relationships? What stands out to you about Jesus' description of truth and deception?

3. **Taking Thoughts Captive.** *Read: 2 Corinthians 10:5*

Paul calls us to actively confront deceptive ideas rather than tolerate them. What does it look like, practically, for you to "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ"? Can you name one recurring thought pattern that needs to be challenged this week?

4. **Formed by Voices.**

The message highlighted how easily we are shaped by media, culture, and constant noise. What voices currently have the greatest influence on your thinking (news, social media, entertainment, friends, internal narratives)? Which of those voices tends to pull you toward fear, cynicism, or compromise?

Read Romans 12:2. How does this verse push back against passive consumption?

5. **Standing Firm in Daily Practice.**

Paul doesn't just name the battle—he gives us armor. Looking at your normal day, where do you most need to "stand firm" in truth? What is one concrete daily rhythm (Scripture, prayer, silence, fasting from something, accountability) you can practice this week to resist deception?

Read: Ephesians 6:11. What part of "putting on the armor" feels most neglected in your life right now?

6. **Faithfulness in Babylon.** *Read: 1 Timothy 6:12*

The sermon acknowledged how exhausting and disorienting it can feel at times trying to follow Jesus in a culture that often resists His truth. Where do you feel most tempted toward discouragement, cynicism, or quiet compromise? What does faithfulness look like for you in this season?

7. **Fighting With Love.**

We are called to resist lies while keeping tender hearts toward people. How can you stand for truth without losing compassion for those who see the world differently? Who in your life might God be inviting you to love patiently while still living faithfully?

PRAYER: Take time to ask each person how the group can be praying for them during the next week. Take notes so you can follow up. If this is your first meeting, plan to be the one to pray out loud for the group. As the group continues, pay attention to everyone's comfort level with praying out loud before inviting others to do so. No one should feel pressured, but should be encouraged.