

LIARS TELL LIES | WEEK 2 GROUP CONTENT

SERMON QUESTIONS:

Don't rush through these questions. Let Scripture do the work. Don't feel like you need to answer every one.

Ice Breaker: Have you ever believed something about yourself for years—only to later realize it wasn't actually true? (It can be serious or light. What changed your perspective?)

- 1. The Reality of the Battle.** When you consider Jesus calling the devil "the father of lies," what part of that truth challenges or awakens you most? *Read: John 8:44.* What does this passage reveal about the nature and strategy of the devil? Why do you think Jesus speaks so directly and strongly here?
- 2. The Mind as the Battlefield.** The sermon emphasized that the battle begins in the mind—that ideas shape our lives and eventually our souls. *Read: John 8:32.* According to Jesus, what does truth actually do in a person's life? Where in your life do you most need freedom right now?
Optional: *2 Corinthians 10:5.* What would it look like to actively take a thought captive instead of passively believing it?
- 3. The Power of Deception.** Without naming anyone, can you describe someone you know who is being harmed by believing a lie? What does their situation reveal about the power of deception? How did that lie begin shaping their decisions or identity? What might truth change in that story?
Read: Galatians 6:7. What warning is Paul giving about deception?
- 4. Lies We Live.** The message stressed that it's less about the lies we tell and more about the lies we live. What idea or inner narrative have you begun to recognize as not from God, and how has it been shaping you? (Examples: "I'm only valuable if I succeed," "I must be perfect," "I'm unlovable," "God is disappointed in me.")
Read: Romans 1:25. What does it mean to "exchange the truth of God for a lie"? Where is that exchange most tempting for you?
- 5. Isolation and Vulnerability.** In Genesis, Eve was isolated before she was deceived. The sermon suggested that isolation makes us vulnerable. Where are you most isolated right now—spiritually, emotionally, relationally? How might isolation be increasing your susceptibility to certain lies?
Read: 1 Peter 5:8 (prowling lion imagery) What does vigilance look like in a practical sense this week?
- 6. Replacing Lies with Truth.** What practical step can you take this week to expose a lie and intentionally replace it with God's truth? What specific Scripture can you use to counter the lie you identified? Who in this group can help you stand firm?
Read: Ephesians 6:14. What does it mean to "put on the belt of truth" in your everyday rhythm?

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.