



**August 20, 2023**  
**Gospel of the Kingdom - Truth**

**Matthew 5:33-37**

**Summary – Words in Scripture have power to create. Truthful words create reality and trust. Lies create ruin and broken relationships and are from the evil one himself. Jesus’ mandate for believers is to become the kind of people whose yes is yes and no is no.**

**Scripture – Deuteronomy 23:21-23; Psalm 15:4; Matthew 23:16-19; John 8:44, 6:51-59; Revelation 21:8**

**Community Group Questions**

**Introduction**

- “The Gospel is our truth serum.”
- Why are we so prone to dishonesty and technical/half truths?
- How do vows and oaths all point to a society that is deceitful?
- “Telling lies erodes who we are.”

**Truth Changes the World**

- Why were the Quakers chosen to be the middlemen in international commerce?

**Lies are of the Evil One**

- Why is it that lies make you dumber?
- How do lies undo relationships?
- “You and I are never more like Satan than when we lie.”
- If telling the truth honors God, how does lying honor Satan?
- “Truth and lies are frontline spiritual warfare today.”

**Gospel Cures the Cause**

- Why is understanding your value a way to defeat lies?
- “Confession is the path forward, not backwards, in the life of a believer.”