

SERMON-BASED STUDY: TRUTH AND SATISFACTION

Exodus 20:14-15, ESV – ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week we learned that we can lie in many different ways. Discuss the different ways shared in the sermon. Are there other ways we can lie that were not mentioned? Explain.

2 We also learned that the “big lie” is to deny God and make truth subjective. How has Jesus brought the truth into the world? How do we stay in the truth?

3 Why is it difficult to be content in our condition and not to be covetous?

DIGGING DEEPER

A ***Ephesians 4:25, 29, 31, ESV** – ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

4 Looking at the passage above, why should we speak truth and not falsely?

5 How can a person “put away” bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander and malice?

B ***Romans 1:24-25, ESV** – ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

6 What lie did we exchange for the truth about God? In what ways do we worship creation instead of the Creator?

7 How can we avoid falling into the trap of this lie?

C ***James 4:1-3, ESV** – What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

8 What does James mean when he says, “You ask wrongly”?

9 James also refers to our passions being “at war within you.” How are our passions at war inside us? How do we bring those passions under control?

TAKING IT HOME

Philippians 4:11b- 13 reads, “for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

In many ways, this is the key to obeying all of God’s commandments. How do you think Paul learned to be content in “any and every circumstance”? How can you apply these lessons in your own life? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be content in all circumstances.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Luke 12:15
John 1:14; 17:16-17; 18:37-38
Romans 1:18-25
Ephesians 4:15
1 Timothy 6:6-7
Hebrews 13:5