



Ice Breaker:

- Share a time when you told a "white lie" to avoid hurting someone's feelings. How did it make you feel afterward?

Short Summary of the Sermon: The sermon focused on the Ninth Commandment, "You shall not lie," exploring various types of lies, including blatant lies, white lies, hurtful lies, prayerful lies, and half-truths. The pastor emphasized the importance of speaking the truth in love, as outlined in Ephesians 4:15, and challenged the congregation to be mature believers who discern truth from falsehood by aligning their lives with the Word of God. The sermon also highlighted the need for the church to communicate the full gospel truthfully and lovingly, without compromising on the reality of sin and the necessity of God's grace.

Group Questions:

1. What stood out to you the most from the sermon, and why?
2. How do you typically respond when you realize you've told a lie, whether big or small?
3. Why do you think it's important to balance truth and love in our communication with others?
4. How can we ensure that we are not only speaking the truth but doing so in a loving manner?
5. In what ways can the church improve in communicating the full gospel truth to the world?

Life Application: Reflect on your own life and consider areas where you might be telling half-truths or avoiding difficult conversations. How can you begin to incorporate more honesty and love in your interactions with others this week?

Challenge: This week, identify one relationship or situation where you need to speak the truth in love. Pray for wisdom and courage, and then take a step to have that conversation, ensuring that your words are both truthful and compassionate.