

## To Tell the Truth Discussion Questions

Exodus 20:16

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1. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. Why would a lying tongue, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers be among the seven things God hates most? What does this tell us about our tongues and how we use them?
2. What is an accusation? What is a false accusation? What is the warning of Proverbs 24:28?
3. What are some reasons someone would give false witness against someone? What is the bigger issue with this?
4. Why is it important to speak the truth?
5. Why was the punishment so severe for giving false witness?
6. Why were the witnesses involved with the punishment? If this were the case today, how would it change our justice system?
7. Why is it that we usually hurt the ones closest to us?
8. Read Proverbs 26:28. How does lying demonstrate hate? Who are we hating? Where do lies come from?
9. How does gossip cause problems in relationships? How does gossip keep the quarrel going?
10. What is the real reason behind gossip? What is the heart issue we have when we gossip? How do we deal with this?
11. What do you do when someone is gossiping to you? Is your reaction honoring to God? Why or why not?
12. How do you respond when you are the one being gossiped about? Is your response honoring to God? Why or why not?
13. What is the difference between gossip and slander?
14. Read Proverbs 29:5. How does flattery set one up for a fall?
15. What is deception? What are some ways people try to deceive others? Can withholding information be considered deception? Why or why not?
16. Read Leviticus 5:1 and James 4:17. How can remaining silent break the ninth commandment?
17. What is false teaching? How do we avoid this?
18. How do you plan to use the acronym THINK (Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind)?
19. How are you testifying to the truth (Acts 1:8)?
20. From what you learned from this sermon, what are you asking God to help change in your life?