

## Group Discipleship Lesson

### 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment Do Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor Exodus 20:16

#### Let's Get Started

1. In your own words, what is "bearing false witness against your neighbor?"



#### Let's Go Deeper

2. According to **Luke 10:25-37**, who is your neighbor? \_\_\_\_\_.

Why is it challenging to think and operate as if anyone and everyone is your neighbor?

Do you think there is ever a time to "draw the line" regarding who is your neighbor?

3. According to **Exodus 23:1**, we are commanded not to spread a \_\_\_\_\_ report. Have you ever had a false report spread about you? Please share what you feel comfortable with sharing and how it affected you.

4. In **Proverbs 6**, we are given a list of seven things God hates. What are they? Circle the one that applies to this week's study.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

g. \_\_\_\_\_

5. There are many ways to break the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment. How many can you think of?

6. In **Matthew 26:59-68**, it is recorded that the chief priests and council were seeking false testimonies against Jesus. It goes on to say that "many false witnesses came forward," and then it says, "at last two came forward."

What do you make of this account? What kind of statements do you suppose the "many false witnesses" made?

Why do you think "the many" seemed to be disqualified by the council, but the testimonies of the "two" were accepted as testimonies with credibility?

7. What is the difference between a direct and an indirect lie about someone?

Give an example of an indirect lie.

8. Do you think it is always a sin to fail to speak up and defend someone's reputation when you have the information and the opportunity to do so?

9. What is the takeaway for the Christian regarding gossip, according to **Exodus 23:1**?

## Let's Live It Out Together

10. In Pastor Terry's message this week, he recommended four Biblically sound steps to take when we realize we have broken the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment. According to the four scriptures below, in your own words, what are those four steps?
- Genesis 3:1-5:** Recognize the real \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Romans 10:9:** Believe God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ your sin and that He will be faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - 1 Corinthians 10:13:** God not only desires that you confess and be forgiven, but He wants you to realize that He desires to provide a way of \_\_\_\_\_ so you can move forward in victory.
  - Numbers 23:19** and **Hebrews 6:18:** These assure us that God does not and cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Name at least three promises God has made for believers that gives you cause for being thankful that God will never lie and go back on His promises.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:35*