



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **The 9th Commandment – Part 1 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **January 21, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. What does it mean to bear false witness against your neighbour (Exodus 20:16)? Give a definition and explain what it entails.
3. Both the 3rd and the 9th commandments deal with sins of the tongue. What does this teach us about the dangerous power of the tongue? See James 3:2-8 to help formulate your answer.
4. Pastor Jacob said, *“Being created in the divine image is our foundation for being able to know and articulate truth. IF you lose the divine image, you lost truth.”* Explain what he means by this using relevant Scripture.
5. How does lying serve to “create an anti-reality”? How does speaking lies amount to putting yourself in the place of God?
6. How does the 9th commandment apply to things like transgenderism (i.e. different pronouns) and homosexual “marriage”? If someone is being pressured to use un-biological pronouns for someone else (whether it be a family member, coworker, etc.), how would you counsel them?



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7. Read Proverbs 6:16-19, Matthew 5:37, Acts 5:3-5, and Revelation 21:8. What do these verses teach us about the sin of bearing false witness?

8. How does a reputation of honesty and truth-telling lead to lesser temptation toward other sins?

9. Is it sinful to listen to slander or gossip? Explain. When someone slanders or gossips about someone else to us, what should we do? See Proverbs 25:23.

10. When a commandment prohibits a certain action, it demands the opposite good. What does the 9th commandment demand of us?

11. Read Deuteronomy 19:16-20. What does the law prescribe for those who make false allegations of others? How might this standard have a sanctifying effect on our society if it was something we actively upheld?

12. What does it mean to protect your own reputation or the reputation of a neighbour when it is in your power to do so? How is this within the scope of the 9th commandment?

Accountability Question

Are there any lies in your life that you have been covering up and need to come clean about today?