

Life's Too Short... To Lie



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick continued in our Life's Too Short series by talking about lying. We live in a society that is making it more and more okay to lie. We learned about several of the ways in which people lie, and for many, it happens naturally. Nick taught about how dangerous lying can be and the consequences that comes as a result of being untruthful. We covered three truths from God's Word about lying: We're good at it, Satan loves it and God hates it.

How often do I lie...really?

- ◆ Describe a time where you were hurt by someone being untruthful? When was a time where you were the one lying?

Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. We're good at lying

- ◆ Describe a time where you realized that lying came a little bit too naturally to you.
- ◆ Which one of the layers of lies is most convicting to you?
 - Elevation, Justification, Retaliation, Confrontation, Exaggeration and Omission

2. Satan loves lying

- ◆ What role does the promoting and celebration of sin have in Satan's desire to draw the world away from Jesus?
- ◆ What impact does believing lies about ourselves have on our faith?

3. God hates lying

- ◆ The Bible is clear that God hates lying. However, why specifically does He have such a feeling towards it?
- ◆ In what way does lying affect our relationships with others, God and ourselves?

Now what?

"The goal in overcoming lying is to be a person of honesty."

"To bring about the transformation, you begin with **confession** (acknowledge the lies and agree with God that it is sin and wrong), move to **repentance** (turning your life in a new direction) and **replace** the lies you've believed, told and are living with truth of Jesus and His Word."

- ◆ Where are you in the above process? What next steps do you need to take?
- ◆ Who are you going to invite into the process to keep you accountable?

Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*