



Tell the Truth

Main Scripture: James 5:7-12

Additional Scriptures: John 8:43-44, Revelation 21:8, Psalm 101:7, Matthew 5:33-37, James 1:2-4, Psalm 140:13, Psalm 84:1:4,10, 1st Peter 2:21-24

Discussion Questions

- Why do people lie?
- “You have been discipled be a dishonest culture.” How is this true? In what ways are we subtly discipled in dishonesty?
- “Every time you lie you miss the Kingdom of God.” What do you think Pastor Mike meant by that?
- **Read James 5:12.** Trees are known by its fruit and one of the fruits is honesty. Where in your life do you find yourself not walking in complete truth and honesty?
- Truth telling is faith in action, deception is doubt in action, and the overarching issue is control. What does truth telling or lying have to do with control?
- If you read James 5:12 as a new law, then you will miss the point of the passage. James isn't trying to give us new laws but describe a person from the inside out and the transformation of the heart. So what is the principle James is trying to get across?
 - How do we keep ourselves from turning this principle into simply another law to follow?
- What are ways we can tell the truth but not really tell the truth?
- If you tell the truth you *will* suffer, but when you walk in truth you invite the King and His kingdom into your situation. Share a story or two of times when you told the truth, suffered for it, but then Jesus completely redeemed the situation.
- “If you are in relationships with people that can't handle the truth then don't be in those relationships.” Do you agree with Pasto Mike's statement? To what extent do you agree?