



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“The Ten: Commandments for Today” is a series designed to help us consider the relevance of these ancient instructions from the Lord. This week we look at the command not to lie.

1. Share about a time when you lied to your parents or a teacher. Did the truth eventually come out?

Read Exodus 20:16.

2. When we give false testimony against our neighbor, we slander. To slander is to speak negatively behind someone’s back for the purposes of hurting their reputation and bringing about negative consequences. Why do you think slander is so prevalent in our culture?
3. Jesse noted that slander reveals what we think about others, what we think about the Bible and what we think about God. With this understanding, which one do you identify as a root that causes you to slander? How are you challenged to think differently?
4. What can you do to respond properly the next time you hear someone slandering another person?
5. Slander usually comes from our own insecurities. In order to fix slander, you must fix your view of yourself by declaring who you are in God. Spend time as a group reading the following passages and discussing how each declaration can shape how you view yourself and others.
 - I am created in God’s own image. Genesis 1:27
 - I am strong and courageous because God is with me. Deuteronomy 31:6
 - I am a child of God. John 1:12
 - I am fully free from guilt and shame. Romans 8:1
 - I am a new creation in Christ—the old is gone. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - I am loved by God; nothing can change that. Romans 8:38-39
 - I have the strength to soar like an eagle. Isaiah 40:31
 - I have God’s wisdom to walk a straight path. Proverbs 3:6
 - I can overcome any obstacle through Christ. Philippians 4:13
 - I live life to the full in Christ. John 10:10



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MESSAGE NOTES

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Slander reveals:

1. What we think about others.
2. What we think about the Bible.
3. What we think about God.

WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?