



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: Play a quick round of “2 Truths and a Lie” (each person shares 2 true statements about themselves and 1 lie about themselves). Who came up with the most convincing lie? Who can’t lie worth a hoot in your group?

- Review the statistics Pastor Tom shared at the beginning of his message (see Message Notes). Which of these is most surprising to you and why?
- Pastor Tom told us that parents get lied to the most, followed by friends, siblings, and spouses. Describe a time when you lied to one of these. How did that lie hurt you spiritually? Emotionally? Physically?
- Read Isaiah 45:19, John 8:44, 14:6, Hebrews 6:18 and Colossians 3:9-10. What can we learn about God, our enemy the devil and our responsibility to be truthful from these verses?
- Read Proverbs 12:13,19. Pastor Tom said, “lies make life complicated.” How has someone’s lies made your life complicated? What would have been different if you’d known the truth?
- Lies hurt our relationship with God. Read Proverbs 12:22 and Numbers 23:19. If God is the “ultimate lie detector,” how do our lies impact our relationship with Him?
- Lies hurt our relationship with others. Review the story of Jacob and Esau by looking at Genesis 27. What damage occurred as a result of Jacob’s lie (see Genesis 27:41)?
- Why does our culture seem to make it acceptable and easy to lie? How can our relationship with God help us avoid this cultural norm?
- Read Ephesians 4:22-24. How has your walk with Christ changed your views on honesty...or how *should* it be changing those views?
- What is a concrete, practical next step you can take in becoming a more truthful Christ-follower?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Psalm 66

Day 2: Read Psalm 67

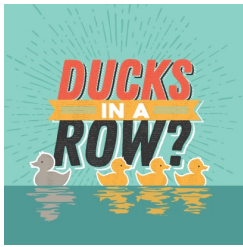
Day 3: Read Psalm 68

Day 4: Read Psalm 69

Day 5: Read Psalm 70



**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION || PERSONAL GUIDES**



"Liar, Liar"

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

- _____% of kids grasp the concept of lying by age 4...
- Young adults _____ have the highest lying proficiency...
- _____% of adults can't have a 10 minute conversation without lying at least once...
- In 2006, _____% said it wasn't okay to call in sick to work...today, only _____% say it's not okay to do.
- _____ get lied to the most, followed by friends, siblings, and spouses.

Is speaking and acting truthfully just a _____ moralistic standard from a forgotten past, or is it still something God takes seriously (note Proverbs 6:16-17)?

1. Lying is _____ to God's Nature (note Psalm 31:5)

Note Isaiah 45:19; 65:16; John 14:6; Revelation 19:11; Genesis 3:1-4; 2:16-17

Lying is always consistent with the e_____ o_____ and never consistent with God (note John 8:44; Hebrews 6:18; Colossians 3:9-10).

2. Lying Makes Life _____ (note Proverbs 12:13, 19)

A lie has no _____. It requires other lies to support it. Tell one lie and you are forced to tell others to back it up. S_____ the truth won't make it last any longer. Those that think it is permissible to tell white lies soon grow colorblind. (O'Malley)

- A. Our relationship with _____ (note Proverbs 12:22; Numbers 23:19; Acts 5:1-11). God is the ultimate "lie _____".
- B. Our relationship with _____ (note Genesis 27:24; 37) - We cannot "lie our way out of _____". Note Ephesians 4:25

So are my ducks in a row?:

- Note I Samuel 15:29a
- God wants to free us from the tremendous _____ of telling and living lies (note Ephesians 4:22-24).
- God wants to change our minds by the working of His Spirit in us, so we will _____ the God of truth who died on the cross to give us new life.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



“Liar, Liar”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

- 90% of kids grasp the concept of lying by age 4...
- Young adults 18-29 have the highest lying proficiency...
- 60% of adults can't have a 10 minute conversation without lying at least once...
- In 2006, 66% said it wasn't okay to call in sick to work...today, only 40% say it's not okay to do.
- Parents get lied to the most, followed by friends, siblings, and spouses.

Is speaking and acting truthfully just a quaint moralistic standard from a forgotten past, or is it still something God takes seriously (note Proverbs 6:16-17)?

1. Lying is Contrary to God's Nature (note Psalm 31:5)

Note Isaiah 45:19; 65:16; John 14:6; Revelation 19:11; Genesis 3:1-4; 2:16-17

Lying is always consistent with the evil one and never consistent with God (note John 8:44; Hebrews 6:18; Colossians 3:9-10).

2. Lying Makes Life Complicated (note Proverbs 12:13, 19)

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- A. Our relationship with God (note Proverbs 12:22; Numbers 23:19; Acts 5:1-11). God is the ultimate “lie detector”.
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