

## "SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE"

Exodus 20:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

**Big Idea:** *We are commanded to turn from falsehood and speak the truth in love.*

### 1. Do not tell lies in the courtroom or \_\_\_\_\_ .

Deuteronomy 17:6 "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness."

Colossians 3:9 "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices."

Ephesians 4:25 "Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one *of you*, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another."

### 2. Christians should \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Mark 14:60-61a "And the high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, 'Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?' <sup>61</sup> But He kept silent and made no answer."

Revelation 21:7-8 "He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup> But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

John 18:38a "Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?' Hebrews 6:18a "...it is impossible for God to lie."

### 3. Application – Christians never need to sin in order to please \_\_\_\_\_ .

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it."

John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

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