

A SERIES IN MATTHEW 5-7

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

© GROUPS





MATTHEW 5:33-37

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The goal is to see how **Jesus calls his disciples to reflect his righteousness by living as truth-tellers.**

CONNECT

Use these questions to begin the discussion:

1. If you could ask someone who has lived throughout world history one question, and they had to answer it truthfully, who would you ask and what would your question be?

READ THE TEXT

Ask a group member to read the following text out loud: **Matthew 5:33-37**

DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions are designed to help us **know, love, and serve** God fully. Don't feel pressure to get through all the questions, especially if you find that your group needs to spend extra time in one place.

1. Why do you think Jesus warns us against making oaths? Does this mean we should never make promises or take oaths?
2. Take a moment to read the 10 Commandments in Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Which of these might we find ourselves breaking when we tell a lie, break a promise, or make an oath in the name of something other than God?
3. Scripture testifies time and time again that God is faithful to keep his promises despite our tendency to break ours. How can the reminder of a covenant-keeping God provide you with peace whenever you may fall short of His kingdom standard?
4. Read John 8:44. In a fallen world we can expect to be lied to at some point. How should Christians respond to the world when it acts like the world?
5. Read Colossians 3:9. Scripture makes clear that the people of God are called to be truthful at all times. When is a time that you had to keep a promise or tell the truth even though it was difficult to at the time?



6. What might be a reason you give yourself to lie or go against your word? How can you guard yourself against that temptation?
7. Though the world's word is unreliable, and our word should be reliable, we can trust that God's Word is totally reliable. What does it look like to fully trust in God's Word?
8. The Summer-time can sometimes interfere with our typical daily routines. How can you ensure that you continue to prioritize time in God's Word over the next couple of months?

PRAY

Thank God for the gift of His church. Pray for a desire to make love the motivation for all that we do. Ask God to help your group grow in their spiritual gifts and desire to use them to serve the church and to evangelize.

COMMUNITY GROUP MISSION PARTNERS

As we seek to make gospel-centered disciples among all people for the glory of God, we step into our communities and the rest of the world as ambassadors of Christ. Our community groups have an awesome opportunity to serve together in this mission by adopting a local partner and an international partner to invest in. To adopt a local and international partner, fill out this form:

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