

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

Colossians 3:1-17 & 4:3-6

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE PICTURE
2. THE POWER BEHIND THE PICTURE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. The ninth command is "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." This is about more than just lying. It is about using our words to intentionally harm our neighbor. How would you describe the way you use your words on a daily basis?
3. When and where do you use your words most harmfully? When and where are you most encouraging? What do you think would help you start using your words in a more life-giving way no matter where you are or who you are talking to?
4. If you are a Christian, your words to people who are not Christians should always be "seasoned with salt" and "gracious". How do people who don't share your faith respond to you when you talk about Jesus?
5. Anthony presented us with a practical list of questions based on Colossians 3 & 4 that can help us determine if our words are worth saying. Look over these questions and discuss which you think would be most helpful to you. Determine as a group to use this list as a filter for your words at least one time in the following week and then discuss your experience next week.
 - Is what you're about to say true?
 - Is it necessary for the good of this person?
 - Is it as kind as possible?
 - Does the way I'm wording this fit this context/ person?
6. The ultimate reason we tell lies or slander others with our mouths is because we believe lies in our mind. What are some lies you believe that lead you to being dishonest or attacking others with your words? What are some truths can you hold on to in order to fight those lies?
7. God is not a reformer who makes bad people good. He is a king who takes orphans, adopts them and makes them His children. What are some insights you can pull from this imagery of what it means to be a Christian? How might this allow you to be more patient with other Christians and more welcoming to people who don't share your faith?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: If we want to stop believing the wrong words so that we can start speaking the right words then we must fill our minds with THE Word.