

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Top Ten Summer” (pt. 8) – 08.02.15

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:16

**Bottom Line:** A life of honesty is a life of freedom and a life that points to the truthfulness of Jesus.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Pastor Adam nearly revealed the truth about ole St. Nick in the service this Sunday. Yikes! When did you realize the truth about ole St. Nick? Have everyone share their experience!

## **UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:**

**Read Exodus 20:16**

### **1. How does the 9th commandment act as a WINDOW revealing who God is?**

- a) Shows the character of God...He is always truthful (1 Titus 1:2; Proverbs 6:16).
- b) Shows that God wants a real relationship with us and not religion from us.
- c) Shows Gods want real relationships between all of us. (1 Cor. 13:6).

### **2. How does the 9th commandment act as a MIRROR that shows**

- a) When I lie I'm speaking Satan's language and siding with him (John 8:44).
- b) When I lie my heart is out of control, not just my mouth (Matthew 5:19).
- c) When I lie it may be temporarily expedient, but there are also consequences (Proverbs 21:6; Psalm 101:7).

### **3. How does the 9th commandment act as a MAP**

- a) Jesus is the truth (John 1:14; John 14:6).
- b) The Gospel is true (Colossians 1:5).
- c) Truth leads to freedom (John 8:32 - If Jesus is true the gospel is true).

## **LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:**

### **1) Why is lying the opposite of freedom which Jesus offers?**

(Feel we have to please everyone with our answers, guilt of dishonesty, etc.)

### **2) What area of your life have you been dishonest and need to turn to allow Jesus' light shine into?**

### **3) In what areas of your life do you need to trust the truth of who God is?**