

Summer on the Mount | Credibility Gap

**Last Week**

How did you apply last week’s lesson on Adultery and Divorce? Who did you share the lesson with?

**Opener**

Can you describe a time where someone gave you their word and it lifted you up or they failed to keep their word and it hurt you emotionally?

**Questions**

What are some reasons that we justify “white” lies or small lies?

Why do you think integrity of our word as Christians is a vital characteristic? What happens when we don’t actively seek truth?

Do you think society has become numb to truth or keeping promises? What can we do as the church to help in this regard?

Have you ever pledged an oath or made a vow you knew you couldn’t keep? What has been the greatest promise someone has made to you and kept and what has the impact been on your life?

**Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

James 3:2-12 (NLT)

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can’t draw fresh water from a salty spring

What does this passage tell us about God?

* What does this passage tell us about people?
* How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
* And who are you going to tell?

Pray