
SERMON NOTES November 21, 2021

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**The Foundation of Truth
Exodus 20:16 & John 8:31-32
Pastor Mike**

I. The _____ of the 9th commandment

II. The foundation of _____

III. The bedrock of _____ and _____ truth

a. Confusion about the _____ of truth

Truth; *that which is in accordance with* _____

b. All truth is defined by _____ and is thus _____

IV. The relationship between truth and _____

a. Truth is a light that exposes _____

b. Truth is a light that reveals _____

V. Building our lives on the _____

a. Be _____ about the world's 'truth'

b. Be transformed by _____

c. Be full of _____ and _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. Unlike the previous commands that stop at prohibiting a sinful behavior, the 9th commandment doesn't command us to not "bear false witness," but it continues that we should not "bear false witness against your neighbor," suggesting that this commandment has a unique impact on the formation of healthy relationships and a healthy community.
 - a. How important is truth telling in your marriage and other significant relationships? Why is it so important? What impact do little "white lies" have in these relationships?
 - b. How important is truth telling in our culture? How is it foundational to a healthy culture? What happens when people in a culture no longer trust the truthfulness of each other?
 - c. How do you see the lack of trust in the truthfulness of others impacting our contemporary culture?
2. In his message Pastor Mike argued that when we affirm the importance of telling the truth, that presupposes that there is an objective truth to be told. What does he mean by this? Why is this an important point, especially in today's culture? Can a relationship and/or a culture have the foundation of truth telling without a commitment to objective truth?
3. In his message Pastor Mike talked about our culture's confusion about the definition of truth.
 - a. What is the difference between subjective truth and objective truth?
 - b. How have you seen people confuse these ideas? Where do you hear people talk about "my truth" on issues that are in reality a question of objective truth?
4. In John 8:31-32 Jesus told the people who believed in him, "*if you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"
 - a. What is the truth that Jesus is describing here, and how does this truth set us free?
 - b. Most non-Christians see God's word as something that limits freedom. How is a lack of or rejection of God's word in reality the opposite of freedom? How do we gain freedom by submitting to the Lordship of Christ in our lives?
5. Ephesians 6:14 teaches us that as followers of Christ we face a battle against spiritual powers, and the first weapon we need to put on daily in this battle is the "belt of truth." What is the belt of truth God is calling us to put on here, and why is it so important? Practically, what does it mean for you to do this on a daily basis?
6. Romans 12:2 calls us to "*not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.*"
 - a. What do you have to do to be conformed to this world? How do you keep from being conformed to this world?
 - b. What do you have to do to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? What can you do this week to pursue this?