



Think Like Jesus

PART 5: A PERSON OF YOUR WORD

INTRODUCTION

More often than not, we avoid sins in their extreme form but regularly commit them in a more covert form that Jesus is still very concerned about. In Matthew 5 Jesus gives six examples where, in His masterful fashion, He exposes our real struggle with sin, and he teaches us to transform and sharpen our thinking to the kind of life required of His disciples. The kind of life that truly sets us free! Are you ready to think more like Jesus?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:20

Deuteronomy 23:21

Matthew 5:33-37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you've lied to somebody, embellished the truth, or withheld the truth, to suit your needs. Why did you do this?
2. Think about a time when you've been lied to. How did you feel when you learned that someone misled you?
3. Read Matthew 5:33-37. Jesus is simply telling us to never spin the truth in order to persuade people to do what we want. Even if you believe it is in their best interest. When are you most tempted to spin the truth?
4. Pastor Will taught that Jesus always honored the dignity of people's choices, so spinning the truth disrespects people made in God's image. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
5. What is a situation you have coming up where you will have the opportunity to provide the full truth and let others make a decision, or to spin the truth and manipulate others' decisions?

Application Prayer: Lord, I ask for your help to speak only the truth, and stop attempting to manipulate those around me. I give you my "Yes," to your Kingdom today.