



Going Deeper Questions
Rooted & Established in Love
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Scripture: [Acts 5:1-11](#)

Icebreaker Question

1. Play 2 truths and a lie - depending on how much time you have, you could choose one, a few, or everyone in the group to tell 3 short stories/facts about themselves. Two of them should be true and one should be a lie. Then the group guesses which one is the lie.

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

1. Remember last week's "Respond Actively" question: Introduce yourself to ONE person you do not know or recognize at church next week. Did anyone do this? How did it go? What did you learn this week about your own hospitality?

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's passage and sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1. Do you think culture makes it easy to tell lies? Why or why not?
2. Pastor Brynn listed a few reasons why we lie (we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, we want to get ahead, we want to appear competent, we want to get out of something, we believe that if we're honest about who we are, we'll get rejected). Which one most resonates with you right now? Can you think of a way that you haven't been honest in your own life with God, other people, or yourself? What fears hold you back from being honest?



3. In the sermon, Pastor Brynn said that honesty does NOT mean sharing everything with everyone you know. How do you know that a person is safe to share deeper aspects of your life with? How do you cultivate those kinds of relationships you can be fully honest with?

Dive Deeper

1. In James 5:16, it says "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." How can being honest with one another be healing?
2. What are some ways that you can be a healing presence to others who share authentically with you?

Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

1. Are there any ways that we, as a group, can encourage each other to be more honest in this time we have together each week? How can we put those things into practice?

A Special Question for Couples and Families

1. A significant reason that we aren't honest about our true selves is that we learn from an early age that we have to present a certain image to be loved. Our stories of worthiness - of being good enough - begin first in our families of origin. How can we communicate safety and belonging to our children so that they don't feel the need to hide from us or the community, even when they feel they don't measure up?
2. Child Development Writer, Joseph Chilton Pearce said "What we are teaches the child more than what we say, so we must be what we want our children to become." How can you model honesty for your child(ren)? What keeps you from modeling honesty? What is the promise when we do?