

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

April 19-25, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Shortly after Jesus was resurrected and the early church was emerging, God struck two people dead for lying. You can read about it in Acts 5:1-11. God didn't do this because they made a mistake, but the one thing He wouldn't stand for in His new community of faith was posturing. Are we guilty of the same today? How can we be people who insist on rigorous honesty in our lives?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Ephesians 4:17-25.

Discuss

Is there ever a time for not telling the whole truth? What might be a healthy rule of thumb?

Why do you think that honesty is so important to God? Note especially verse 21.

How does lying damage relationships? How would lies within this group affect your walk with Christ?

Have you ever been lied to by a trusted friend? How did you deal with that?

How would you know if you had developed a habit of lying? What indicators would there be in your life?

What might you be able to do today to help you identify and catch lies before they leave your lips tomorrow?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.