



Leader

10/23 - 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

Theology Refresher - "Lying"

God never lies, he is the source of all truth and rejoices in truth. In contrast, Satan is the "Father of lies" (John 8:44). The Bible is clear that lying is a sin and God serious about our truth telling (see Acts 5:1-11). When we participate in lies, we make provision for the flesh and the ways of the world. More importantly, we misrepresent God in our actions. Jesus called Himself the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6), and He expects those who follow Him to be people of truth.

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Read our primary text. What are the weapons of our warfare? When you navigate the hardships of life, is your tendency to battle using the weapons of the world (video games, television, shopping, social media, pills, alcohol, use worldly wisdom) or the weapons of the Bible?

The weapons that Paul speaks of are the Word of God, faith, and the power of the Holy Spirit (Armor of God). The weapons of the world are temporary "mind-numbing" mechanisms that neglect the truth and embrace the wisdom of the world, which prizes temporary pleasures and neglect spiritual well-being. The weapons of the world neglect the truth, are sinful, and lead to death. The weapons of the Bible lead to everlasting life.

3. Often misinterpreted, verse 5 refers to "taking every thought captive." Given the context, what is Paul actually saying here? How does this verse apply to us today?

While Christians do need to take captive to Christ their own personal thoughts, Paul is saying here that Christians in Corinth should be prepared to destroy and take captive the hollow beliefs and philosophies that were being presented by others in Corinth. Today, these same lies present

themselves to us in every manner (TV, social media, school, etc.). We too should take the stance of Paul and destroy every lofty opinion or thought that is raised against the knowledge of God.

4. Oftentimes, we have "something to say" concerning beliefs or opinions that oppose ours, but what can we learn from Paul's approach here in this text?

Paul models his response by that of Jesus. He is approaching this conflict through a filter of meekness and gentleness. We can be firm in our beliefs and our response towards others, speaking the truth in love with boldness, but "a fool gives full vent to his anger" (Prov 29:11). In everything we say and do, we must represent Jesus in conflict just as Paul does here.

5. How does this text challenge you? How does it affect your daily life?

[Dialogue]

6. How would you briefly summarize this passage? How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- How are we doing as a group with the Great Commission?
 - Is there anyone that you need to invite to church or this group?
 - Is there anyone who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
 - Does anyone need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to repent of before the group?
[apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger]
- Let's confess our shortcomings to the Lord and pray what we have learned in God's word.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible (Crossway)
- gotquestions.org /Bible-lying-sin