



People to Watch Out For 2 – Truth Twisters Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **Are you generally more trusting toward people or more suspicious?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday’s service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Eddie shared, “Truth-twisting does more cumulative harm to people than anything else.”
How have you seen this?
- Another reminder from the message is that truth-telling matters to God. Re-read several of the scriptures that were highlighted: Revelation 21:8, Proverbs 11:3, Proverbs 6:16, Luke 16:10, Proverbs 12:22. **How does this reminder of how God views truth and lies challenge you?**
- Eddie shared some examples of ways we betray the truth:
 - Exaggeration
 - Omission
 - Gaslighting

Are any of these ways that you dishonor the truth? Are there other ways that you are tempted to twist or distort the truth?

- Then, Eddie gave two declarations we can make to help transform us:
 - **Starting now, I commit to a renewed relationship with the truth.**
 - **Starting now, I will carefully, prayerfully discern the voices I heed.**

Which of these do you need to embrace? Consider writing out your own specific examples of how you can live it out. Share your convictions and your plan with a trusted friend this week.

- Read the words of Jesus’ prayer in John 17:17. **How can you put this into practice? What might help you learn God’s Word more?** (If you need help or suggestions, visit wschurch.org/resources to see a few recommendations.)
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you’ll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday’s service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Truth-twisting does more cumulative harm to people than anything else.**
- Psalm 116:11 – “In my anxiety I cried out to you, ‘These people are all liars!’”
- Revelation 21:8 - “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars – their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”
- Acts 20:28 - “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock – his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.”
- **Shepherds**
- **Relationships require trust – and trust is impossible to attain without truth.**
- Proverbs 11:3 (Message) – “The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin.”
- Proverbs 6:16 – “There are six things the LORD hates – no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.”
- **white lies**
- Luke 16:10 - “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”
- **Exaggeration**
- **Omissions**
- **Gaslighting**
- **Starting now, I commit to a renewed relationship with the truth.**
- Proverbs 12:22 – “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.”
- **there is a way to speak the truth in every circumstance that honors God and protects our integrity**
- **Starting now, I will carefully, prayerfully discern the voices I heed.**
- John 17:17 – “Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”
- Matthew 17:5 - “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.”