

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Exodus 20:16

(Sunday, November 19)

You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor

1. Think about a time when someone told a lie about you. How did you respond?

What did that individual take from you by doing that? What did they gain? What did they lose?

2. What is normally the motivation for lying?

What will lying normally lead to? What are the consequences of lying?

3. Is lying okay if it doesn't injure another? Why or why not?

What about little white lies that don't appear to hurt another?

4. How do the following break the ninth commandment: hypocrisy, slander, gossip?

How do these things lead to brokenness of community and disregard for the Lord?

5. Where do we draw the line between talking about other people, gossip and bearing false witness?

What could you do to make things right if you have said something that harmed another person's reputation?

6. When does our neighbor especially need protection against evil gossip and other forms of false witness?

Why is it important for a witness to tell the truth in a courtroom/legal setting?

7. What does the ninth commandment teach us about God?

How do/ought the following bear witness to God—his gospel, his love, his power: the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, your personal witness/testimony, the body of Christ?