



THE RELATIONAL DISCIPLE

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Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Do not lie to one another.

Read: As we all know the 8th Commandment, we are given in the 10 Commandments, is that we should not lie. Those who lie are called liars and those who continuously lie and twist the truth, people never trust. Trust is such a critical part to being a relational disciple, as people who lie continuously, can never be trusted.

It's not that we put our trust in that person, but we do want to trust what they are saying. We know our adversary is the father of lies and he is continually trying to feed us with lies, to keep us from being kept in Jesus' name. There is no life in the lie and a lie only ever creates a false reality.

Colossians 3:9-10 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

To lie is to continue in an evil practise and an evil practise is very destructive and rips apart what God is building. We are new creations and as new creations our old nature and all its old ways, is to no longer live. If we find our old nature still living, this is clear evidence of the work of the cross that still needs to be accomplished in our lives. There is no condemnation in Christ, but this doesn't mean there is no conviction and a conviction is brought for the purpose of change and transformation.

Many lie to cover over their true state in Christ. We lie because we don't want others to know where we might be truly at in Christ. We have to realise we are not kidding God or anyone else. We are only kidding ourselves and keeping ourselves in bondage, when Jesus came to release us from these chains. When we are open and truly entrust God with our lives, we are free to be transparent with Him and others, and fully experience all of His life for us.

Questions:

1. Why is lying so detrimental to becoming relational disciples?
2. What does continuous lying feed into and build?
3. Our flesh and our adversary will feed us lies on a continuous basis. If we believe these lies and allow them to take root in us, we will never experience freedom to the measure we have been created to. How do we not allow these lies to become our truth?
4. We can be people (the thief - false teachers) who inadvertently share lies, thinking we are sharing His Truth. How destructive is this to relational disciples being built?
5. What heart posture do we require all the time so we don't become a false teacher of His Truth?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.