



Message Outline

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Exodus 20:16

#9 Harmful Words

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“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

-Exodus 20:16

ORIGINAL CONTEXT:

Exodus 20:16

- A courtroom **setting**
- Your neighbor

WIDER APPLICATION:

Any time we harm another person with destructive words in order to hurt them and/or give ourselves an advantage, we break the 9th commandment.

4 WAYS OUR WORDS HARM OTHERS TODAY:

Spin

Proverbs 18:17

Gossip

Proverbs 16:28

Quick judgments

Proverbs 18:17; 1 Corinthians 4:5

Quarreling

Proverbs 6:19

HOW TO TURN HARMFUL WORDS INTO HEALING WORDS:

Is it ... ?

True

Helpful

Inspiring

Necessary

Kind



HomeGroup Questions

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1. Describe your first Bible? From whom did you receive it?
2. This week we looked at the 9th of the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:16. It says, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." From this passage and the others referenced in the message, what stood out for you?
3. The 9th commandment is commonly abbreviated as, "You shall not lie." How does the original context refine the way you think about it?
4. Doug defined the spirit of the 9th commandment this way: "Any time we harm another person with destructive words in order to hurt them and/or give ourselves an advantage, we break the 9th commandment." (Did I hear an, "Ouch!"?) How does that definition bring this commandment home?
5. Review the 4 ways we hurt others with words mentioned in the outline (Spin, Gossip, Quick judgments, Quarreling). Where are believers especially vulnerable? What would you add to the list?
6. Read Proverbs 18:17. What does this say about the human propensity to spin a story?
7. Clearly, Proverbs 18:17 would recommend being slow to making judgments and jumping to conclusions. How should the believer do that in the real world where they never have all the information?
8. Reflect on the T.H.I.N.K. acronym (Is what you want to say... True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?). Your group probably varies on which is the one they most need to apply. Which do you most need to apply and why?
9. *Take some time to share prayer requests and pray.*