

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, May 29th 2016

The Gospel in Life | Living Carefully & Victoriously (Rm 16:1-20)

1. Doug opened with a great childhood memory of a lie he spun to eat all of his favorite cookies. All lies he said, echoing Paul in v. 17-28, are self-serving. Can you think of any white lies that you have told in your past that were really just as self-serving? What do we learn from telling those lies?
2. Paul said we must address false teaching and liars within the church, by avoiding them. What kinds of false teaching do you run into within the church? What has been your reaction to it?
3. Doug shared the wedding story about his difficulty reading. He said “they didn’t know they were blocking my light...but they were.” How can you avoid something or someone you encounter regularly? How is this action “motivated by love?”
4. The response to lies outside the church is different, it requires a confrontation, in love, with the truth. Why is it such a challenge to bring up the truth to those that may not know it?
5. What *has* Jesus done for you? Why *would* you want to tell someone else about it? (Encourage specific answers)
6. How is the Holy Spirit to be involved in sharing truth with those we encounter outside the church?
7. Paul paints a picture of the enemy Satan being crushed under our feet by the “God of Peace.” What does that contrasting picture reveal about God and living in this world?
8. How do children, who may or may not know Christ, face the realities of this passage on a different scale? What can be applied to their lives as they develop?