

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 9/27/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:33-37

LESSON: On Integrity and Telling the Truth

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.

- **Read Matthew 5:33-37.** Jesus unpacks how the heart of the law about taking oaths is really pointing at our integrity. Define "integrity" in your own words.
 - Who are the most trustworthy people in your life? Why? (Think about what they say and what they do.) Who are the least trustworthy people in your life? What makes them unreliable?
 - On a scale of 1-10, how reliable are you? When you say you will do something, can people trust you to get it done? (**Parents go first.** After your students answer, speak into them on whether or not their self-awareness is accurate and why.)
 - When something you said you'd do doesn't get done, what are the most likely reasons why it didn't happen? (Potential options: Distraction, never intended to do it in the first place, over promised, say yes to too many things, etc.)
- **Read John 14:6.** What does Jesus mean when He says He is "the truth"?
 - Why is it both good and "bad" news for us that Jesus always sees and tells the truth at all times?
 - How does the gospel of Jesus' perfect life, sacrificial death and resurrection give us hope to become a person of integrity?