

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **September 13, 2015** sermon, "Yes and No." Please read the sermon passage (James 5:12) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

REGARDING GOD'S COMMAND FOR TRUTHFULNESS, NOTE . . .

1. **The priority we must maintain**
  - A. "Above all . . ."
  - B. Each of us must make truth-telling of highest personal priority.
2. **The restriction we must accept**
  - A. "Do not swear [make an oath] by heaven or by earth."
  - B. The authority for our words should consistent integrity before the Lord.
3. **The conciseness that we must value**
  - A. Our yes should be yes, our no should no.
  - B. Let us not speak in temporary, conditional or situational positives and negatives.
4. **The warning we must heed**
  - A. People who are disobedient with their words bring strife and trials into their own lives.
  - B. People who are disobedient with their words bring strife and trials into the church.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: How are you growing in the task of making truth-telling the highest priority of your life? What area are you often tempted to tell lies or say words that you know you will not fulfill? How can you grow this week in this task?
2. Based on #1, above: QUOTE: "When we fail in the area of truth, we will lose trust. When we lose trust we invite trials." How have you introduced trials into your own life because of a failure in the area of truth?
3. Based on #2, above: We are tempted to make oaths and promises. How does this practice decay the integrity of the rest of our words?
4. Based on #3, above: Do you have anyone in the church family that you need to apologize to regarding your use of words? Anyone at work? Any one of your relatives?
5. Based on #4, above: We were reminded that the trials that come because of our lips (like disintegrating friendships, strife and even loneliness) can be God's gracious means of correcting us and teaching us to value his ways. What are you learning about God's ways in the midst of his gracious discipline?