**Truth vs Lies 5 – About others**

**HOOK**

**1. What person are you hardest on in your family/work group. Why?**

**2. Watch the video - My Facebook Life by clicking on the link southgatealliance.net/sermons**

**Have you ever felt depressed after watching someone else’s post on Facebook?**

**3. Why is it sometimes safer to believe a lie than to be believe the truth about ourselves and others?** (If you believe that you need others, then you’d have to be open to trusting them, and risking possible rejection. It’s probably just easier to believe the lie than war against the lie.)

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**4. Read Matthew 7:3. What is one of the problems we have in helping others discern the lies in their life?** (not recognizing our own issues/lies we believe)

**5. Read Prov. 27:6. What is something you were blind to about yourself that someone else helped you realize?**

**6. Read 1 Cor. 12:18-26. What part of the body are you? What body parts does our church need more of?**

**7. Read Gal. 1:10. How do you tend to be a people pleaser? What can you do to be more of a God pleaser instead of a people pleaser?**

**8. Read James 4:10. How does humility help build relationships with others?** (The Bible never says we are to humble others; we are to humble ourselves. Humble people encourage each other instead of compete with each other. Humble people think about themselves less and more about others).

**TOOK (Pick one or two applications to do as a group)**

**9. Read Romans 12:10** **“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” How can our group put this into practice?**

**10. Have each person write their name on a piece of paper. Send the paper around the group in a circle. Have each person write down one affirmation of that person.**

**11. Read through the following Declarations as a group:**

**1. I need others. Others help me see myself correctly. There’s joy in caring for others. I lay my own needs down for others. I will be compassionate towards others and myself.**

**2. My value doesn’t depend on public acceptance. My value is based on God’s acceptance.** **Pleasing God is more important than pleasing people.**

**3. I’m able to discern well because God’s Spirit lives in me. I choose to remain in Christ and rely on Him for my spiritual discernment and power to follow Jesus.**

**4. Difficult people give me the opportunity to extend the same grace that Jesus showed me. I will thank God for them and believe what God says about them. I will speak the truth in love.**

**5. My role is to encourage others. I believe in the potential of others. I will notice the good in others and bless them.**

**12.Evaluate how your small group has gone this past year. You can use questions such as:**

**1. What made you want to be part of South Gate Alliance Church small group?**

**2. How was the experience meaningful to you? What positive impact has the home group made on you?**

**3. Were there any surprises for you? What were they?**

**4. In what ways did being a member of our small group strengthen your connection/relationship to the church community as a whole?**

**5. What would you change about our home group and why?How can we improve the home group experience? Our format, our structure? What else about your experience with our home group would you like us to know?**

**6. What future topics are you interested in?**

**7. What question do you wish we were asking you on this feedback? Please include that question and your answer to it.**