**Exodus 20:16**

**Truth Decay**

1. What is the primary prohibition in the 9th Commandment? Why is it important that we establish the biblical principle of the truth?

1. How does this issue affect our relationship with God (vertical)? Our relationship with our fellow man (horizontal)?
2. Why is it important for us to understand God’s view of truth? How does our view of truth affect how we practice this commandment?
3. How does one’s world view affect their view of lying? Why is this so important to understand? See Exodus 23:1, Proverbs 6:16-19.
4. What are the typical justifications for lying?
5. What are the most common forms of lying in our culture today? Most popular?

1. What can we do to counteract the prevailing currents regarding lying in our culture?
2. Read Leviticus 5:1, and Matthew 23:23-28. Can you give an example of lies of silence or omission? Why is hypocrisy considered lying? Give some examples.
3. Read 1 John 1:8-9. Discuss how we as a church corporately, and as individuals move forward to obey the 9th commandment in a redemptive way.