



Mean What You Say

James 5:12

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Leaders: *Don't feel pressured to get through every question during your group time. Our hope is that your group experiences honest conversation & goes deeper in God's Word—not that you finish the entire list. Feel free to choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group & allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.*

1. Start by reading Matthew 5:33-37 and James 5:12
2. James addressed a culture that had developed ways of making some promises more binding than others. Are there commitments we tend to treat as “serious” while giving ourselves permission to break others?
3. Which is more difficult for you: telling the truth when it makes you look bad, or keeping a commitment when it becomes inconvenient? Why?
4. Why is it common for us to justify ourselves when we fail to follow through?
5. Why can dishonesty or unreliability from someone who openly identifies as a Christian be especially damaging? If you’ve been on the receiving end of this, how did it affect you?
6. “What is one area of your life where your ‘yes’ needs to become more dependable or your ‘no’ needs to become more honest?”

Take action: Is there something you’ve promised someone but are doubtful you can fulfill? Is there someone you disappointed or hurt because you weren’t honest? Have the group pray for you as you seek to speak with these people and humbly confess and ask for forgiveness.

Reminders:

- **Serve Weekend:** Mark your calendars for **Sat. 9/26, Sun. 9/27, (and Sat. 10/3)** for our annual Serve Weekend! Let’s be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Sign up to serve at a site using the QR Code below:



- **Fall Women’s Wednesday Studies:** It’s not too late to register for AM and PM classes this fall! We are studying *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer! Childcare is provided for both classes, with prior registration. Register below and read more info by scanning the QR code! (*Men’s Fall Study starts Sept. 23rd in the Student Center at 9:30am*)



- **GraceWorks Turkey Trot Team:** This year, Harpeth has put together a Turkey Trot Team for GraceWorks' annual fundraiser on Thanksgiving Day, and we want you to join! If you choose to sign up on HCC's team, you can register for a discounted rate! If interested, scan the QR Code below, click "View Teams" and register for Harpeth Christian Church:



- **Annual Fall Family Festival:** Just one month away! Join us on **Sunday, October 18th** at the Wilson Family Farm in College Grove for an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring your own picnic dinner and chairs. HCC will provide the water and s'mores. This will be a fun evening for the whole family!
- **Safety Team:** We are looking for a few additional men and women who have a heart to **serve on our safety team ministry!** Team members participate in ongoing training, work closely together, and are committed to being prepared to respond wisely- should the need ever arise. Some members are licensed concealed carry holders, while others serve in non-firearm support roles. If you have a servant's heart, remain calm under pressure, and feel called to help protect our church family, we would love to talk with you. Contact **Nancy List** (nanlist429@gmail.com) for more information.