

## SECTION 7

# EFFECTIVE SMALL-GROUP LEADERSHIP

## Speak Truth to Your Students

### RELEVANT SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:17-32 / John 8:31-32

1 John 3:16-18 / Psalms 25:5-6

Proverbs 12:22 / Proverbs 30:5-6

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### Children of Truth

God is the source of all truth, therefore, His children must speak truth.

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### The Word of Truth

God's Word is completely true.

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### Untruth is sin

All lying is sin.  
All deceit is sin.

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### Jesus spoke truth

Jesus was always truthful with His disciples.

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### Jesus expressed truthful emotion

Jesus did not hide His anger or disappointment with His disciples, instead, He tempered corrective truth with endless love for them.

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### Speak truth despite consequence

Jesus spoke truth, even when it resulted in His own injury.

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### A good name is better than riches

Jesus lived a life marked by truth as an example for His disciples.

### Let's sum it up!

- Your life must conform to God's call to be holy.
- Your teaching must conform to God's Word.
- Any lie, no matter how small, is sin.
- Any attempt to deceive no matter how small, is sin.
- You must always humbly speak the truth to your small group.
- You should never hide truth from your small group.
- You must speak the truth in your own life, no matter what the cost.
- You must live a life that is marked by a reputation for being truthful.