

First Presbyterian Church  
**Small Group Questions/Sermon Questions**  
Exodus 20:16 and Deut. 19:15-21  
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**Small Group Questions**

- Have you ever said something false about someone, either intentionally or unintentionally? What did you learn from the experience?
- Has anyone ever said false things about *you*? How did you feel, and how did you handle the situation?
- What can we learn about God's view of false testimony from Ex. 20:16 and Deut. 19:15-21?
- In Deut. 19, what is the Bible's standard of justice when it comes to allegations made against someone? How is it the same or different from how our culture treats allegations?
- Should Christians expect false testimony about themselves? Why or why not? (Luke 6:26)
- When we are falsely accused for obeying Jesus, what comfort do we have? (Matt. 5:11-12)

**Sermon Notes/Questions**

**1. God hates false testimony.** (Deut. 19:18-21)

- Do you treat false testimony lightly? Do you act as if it's no big deal?
- Do you need to change your attitude about false testimony to be in accord with God's attitude?

**2. We should expect false testimony.** (Psalm 12:1-2; Deut. 19:15-18)

- Do you rush to judgment when it might be better to pause until the facts are clearer?
- Do you believe accusations just because they have been made and not because you have checked them out for yourself?
- Do you tend to believe allegations based on whether the person making the allegations shares your political or religious or cultural beliefs? In other words, do you treat all people with the same standard when it comes to evaluating allegations?

**3. False testimony is hurtful and destructive.** (Prov. 25:18)

- Have you ever been falsely accused?
- What promise does Jesus give us if we are falsely accused because we follow Him? (Matthew 5:11-12)
- What warning does Jesus give us if no one ever speaks falsely about us? (Luke 6:26)

**4. We are called to give true testimony.** (Exodus 20:16)

- Do you tell the truth about others even when it's inconvenient?
- Do you tell the truth about others fully rather than selectively?
- Do you correct the record about others when you are wrong?
- Do you have the courage to tell the truth about others, including God?