

Week 9

June 8, 2008

Mt 5:33-37

Being Freed From the Sin of Spin

The Greatest Sermon Ever

John referred to *the Biggest Lie on the Playground*:
“Sticks and stones may break my bones
but words will never hurt me.”

John told a story about Buck, a car salesman who said one thing but delivered something else.

Read Mt 23:16-22

The Pharisees had elaborate formulas for oaths, with some being binding and some not.

Read Mt 5:33-37

John asked us to imagine what it would be like if FPC was known as a place of grace-filled truth-tellers.

Pray Together!

In what ways have you been hurt by words?

What are the arenas in your life where the norm is to spin words?

What basic misunderstanding about God lies behind how the Pharisees were using oaths? In what ways does a similar line of thinking affect us today?

Does what Jesus says here mean that we should never take oaths of any kind? Why or Why not?

List some examples of how we misuse words.

What experiences have you had recently of dishonesty in others? How did it make you feel?

In what ways have you experienced the cost of maintaining honesty and integrity?

Summarize these verses using words like ‘truth,’ ‘simple,’ ‘honesty’ and ‘integrity.’

Write this summary below.

Memorize it. Commit to living it.

Talk about what this vision would really look like.

Ask God to bring about this vision among us.