



Stop Believing Lies

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Focus We open a door to the enemy when we believe his lies. Satan has been trying to gain access to our lives through lies since the beginning. The door to the enemy stays closed when our words and thoughts align with the truth of God's Word.

Fun If you could be any Marvel character, which one would you be and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Genesis 4:7; Proverbs 6:2; Proverbs 23:7

1. The sins that we continue.

In order for us to be forgiven of our sins, we must forgive those who sin against us. Satan wants us to continue in sin so that he has an open door in our lives to steal, kill, and destroy. One way to close the door to the enemy is by forgiving others. If we keep rehearsing an offense in our head, then we haven't forgiven.

2. The words that we speak.

Our words are powerful, and death and life are in the power of the tongue. We can open a door to the enemy by the words we speak. By believing and speaking truth, we can break the power of the lies that have been spoken over us.

3. The thoughts that we think.

The Bible tells us that as a man thinks, so is he. If truth sets us free, then believing a lie holds us in bondage. Don't let the enemy convince you to believe a lie. The thoughts you think will affect what you believe, which can influence your life in either a good or bad way.

Group Dynamics Idea Give everyone a pen and piece of paper, and have everyone write their name on their paper. Next, have each member pass their paper to the left. Ask each person to write a word of encouragement or something they admire about the person whose name is on the paper. When everyone has written something on every paper except their own, have all the papers returned to the leader who will distribute the papers back to the person they belong to. This is a great way for members to feel loved or appreciated by their group, which will help them bond with each other.

Discuss

1. Pastor Robert shared how as a child he was told he was accident prone. As a child, did anyone speak something over you that influenced how you viewed yourself? How did this affect you or make you feel?
2. How might the words we speak bring life or death into a situation? What does this look like in our everyday lives?
3. Can you remember a time where your words brought life or change to a situation or when someone said something that encouraged you? How did you feel?
4. What words have you allowed to be spoken over you that you know aren't from the Lord? What life-filled words or thoughts can you replace them with?
5. What lies have you believed about yourself or others? How will you change this?
6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message? Take a moment and ask God to reveal any lies you have believed. Invite God into the areas of your life where you feel bound to the lies.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Forgive others.
- Speak words of life and truth over yourself and others.
- Align your thoughts with God's Word.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being such a good Father to us. Thank You that not only do You want us to be Your children, but You also want us to be set free from words that have us bound and from lies we have believed. Help us to trust You and to close any open doors to the enemy. Reveal to us the lies we are believing so we may repent and believe Your truth instead. Thank You for loving us and setting us free. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip

Serving others can be tiring at times, so be intentional about taking care of yourself and keeping your spirit fed. Regularly reading the Bible and spending time in prayer and worship will help to refresh your spirit. Also, taking time to meet with another leader for encouragement and support is a great way to help you remain connected while you serve. Be encouraged—you're doing a great job as a leader!