

## **Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon**

*(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)*

*Wisdom on Communication: Speaking Truth – January 13, 2013*

### I. **Getting to know you** (*Questions for Group Discussion*):

- a. Where is your favorite place to take out-of-town guests?
- b. Where is one of your favorite travel destinations?
- c. Do you prefer that people shoot straight with you or carefully temper their words?

### II. **Getting into the Bible / Points from Sunday's Message:**

#### a. Some Key Verses from Proverbs:

- i. 12:19 *Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.*
- ii. 12:22 *The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in people who are trustworthy.*
- iii. 26:28 *A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering tongue works ruin.*
- iv. 13:5a *The righteous hate what is false,*
- v. 8:6-8 *Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.*

#### b. Key Sermon Points:

##### Why we lie?

- To protect ourselves
- To promote ourselves
- To deceive others / to get what we want
- It's part of our old nature

##### How can we restore truthfulness?

- believing the Truth
- desiring to please God
- desiring to align ourselves w/ God & become more like Him

*Eph. 4:25,29 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

### III. **Getting into Life:**

- a. How does believing the Truth influence our desire for personal truthfulness?  
(How does believing God influence our practical truthfulness with one another?)
- b. How does lying not only hurt others but hurt ourselves? What do we lose when we lie? What do we gain through our honesty?
- c. How do you speak the truth when the truth is going to be hard to say... or hard to hear?