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# THE UPSIDE DOWN kingdom

## Oaths - 7/21/19

### OVERVIEW

Look at how Jesus leads His Kingdom. He never shades the truth. He never spins His words. His yes is always yes, and His no is always no. When we live in a way that is contrary to this, we distort the world's perspective of who God is. How truthful are we really? Do we portray ourselves accurately to our friends, family, on our social media accounts? What do the people around you learn about who Jesus is from the way you live your life?

Scriptures (ESV): Matthew 5:33-37, Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, Matthew 23:16-22, James 5:12, Numbers 23:19, John 14:6

### APPLICATION

- Has God been dealing with you on any aspect of this Upside Down Kingdom series (Anger, Lust, Divorce, Oaths)?
- We learned this morning that kingdoms always reflect the character of the king. Have you experienced a time when a leader's personality and/or character influenced a group's culture in a positive or negative way?
- Dave defined a "truth gap" as something that distorts people's view of God and is toxic to our relationships. How does social media create a truth gap? Does your social media create a truth gap?
- Dave shed some light on the fact that we often lie to ourselves more than anyone else. When was the last time you "looked in the mirror"? What lies do you tell yourself that you need to replace with truth?
- What are some practical things you can do in your life to live more truthfully?
- HOMEWORK: Be vigilant with your language and intentions. Search for things that aren't true (even if they're mostly true) and surrender them to Jesus. Move toward truth and ask for forgiveness if you mess up. Imagine a community where the statistic isn't that 90% of people lie, but one where truth is the foundation. Let's be that community.

