



Leader Notes Dishonesty

Curriculum Note: Each week the Group Study questions and the Leader's Notes will be available **one week in advance** for download on the Life Group blog (www.acclifegroups.org) and pickup in the lobby. Pickup in the lobby will be available for groups that request it.

1. Remember that the purpose of the Connect question(s) is to loosen up the group. Two Truths and a Lie can be a LOT of fun. A great way to do this exercise is to give everyone a piece of paper and let them mark down each person's name and whether they think the lie is A, B, or C. Let them give themselves a point when they get it right. Note that you should be able to do question 1 in about 20 minutes.

Watch the video after question 1.

2. Be sure you have an answer before you ask the question. Some possible answers might be Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, or Barry Bonds.
3. Remember, never ask someone to read the scripture aloud. Ask, "Who'd like to read the scripture passage?" Why do people minimize what the Bible calls sin? Possible answers might be to avoid seeing themselves that way or sidestep the truth by pointing to a "bigger" lie told by someone else.
4. Your answer to this question will model to the group both the length and depth you're looking for. Helping your group members engage here will pay off in the next questions.
5. Whenever you have a "why do you think" question, the way you respond to each person's answer contributes to the willingness of the rest of the group to participate. "Yeah...that's good. What else might be a reason?"
6. You can always tweak the question slightly to generate more interest. For example, if you have a group of couples, ask each person to answer for their spouse. "What's more difficult for your spouse? To speak or hear the truth?"
7. If you have someone you can share the truth with, be sure and lead with that example. If you don't, why not? This is a question that could drift over into a discussion about being burned in the past by an overly critical "friend." Be ready to restate the question and redirect it to stay on track.
8. It's not too late to add a few more people. Take a few minutes to brainstorm as a group, even writing down the names of a few people you should invite for next week's session.

9. Remember that praying out loud is not a familiar practice to many people. One way to get a few more people to engage in the prayer time is to suggest that they simply complete the sentence, "God I'm thankful for _____." Or, "God, help me this week to _____."

30 Days Reading Plan: We've simply arranged the chapters according to the topic we're focusing on. No homework. If your members pick up one good idea it will make a real difference in their family; in their own personal life.

30DTSYF Group Calendar: It is a great idea to mention the calendar and then ask the group if anyone one like to bring refreshments or facilitate a session. Simply pass the calendar around and let your members sign up for something.