**Small Group Ministry**

**Group Session Plan**

**On Lying**

**Opening Words**

If I know that I am a liar and I do not merely try to change it by saying I must tell the truth, then I can go into the whole question of why I lie. I go into it because I want to know the whole background of my lying. I want to see the significance of why I lie. And I see that I lie because I am afraid. Superficially or very deeply I am afraid of what I have done or said and that you may discover it; or I am afraid of losing my job, endless different things.

Krishnamuriz

**Check-in/Sharing**

**Topic/Activity**

The politician makes a promise he knows he can't keep to help him get elected.

The German family tells the Gestapo that there are no Jews hiding in their home.

You tell your neighbor that your would love to come to dinner, but can’t, even though you could.

A father tells a daughter that her awkward instrumental solo is beautiful, the best, even though it is not.

The truth shall set you free or the end justifies the means?

A unique human experience or a common failing amongst human being? Black or white or shades of gray?

1. Under what circumstances have you or might you deceive someone?
2. What difference does it make to you or to the person deceived?
3. Is a lie ever justified?

**Likes and Wishes**

 **Closing Words**

May the light around us guide our footsteps, and hold us fast to the best and most righteous that we seek. May the darkness around us nurture our dream, and give us rest so that we may give ourselves to the work of our worlds. Let us seek to remember the wholeness of our lives, the weaving of light and shadow in this great and astonishing dance in which we move.

Kathleen McTigue, *Singing the Living Tradition* #706

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