

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. Share a story of a time you twisted the truth or lied to someone. Why was it hard for you to be simply truthful?
2. Read Matthew 5.33. Jesus' audience was preoccupied with truthfulness in the narrow context of swearing or taking oaths. What is Jesus' greater concern?
3. Read verses 34-36. How should God's sovereignty (ruling all things) and omniscience (seeing all things) influence our truthfulness in all things?
4. In verse 37a, Jesus says, "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no.' Why do you think Jesus uses the word simply?
5. Read Zephaniah 3.12-13. How does taking refuge in God (with our hearts) allow us to speak no lies (with our mouths)?
6. Share a particular area of your life where you have struggled to be simply truthful. Invite others to pray for you as you seek to change in God's strength.