



WEEK 4

ENGAGING OTHERS

STARTING OUT:

"If only these walls could talk...the world would know just how hard it is to tell the truth in a story in which everyone's a liar."
— Gregg Olsen, *Envy* (Bestselling Crime Author)

- What is your initial response to this quote? Do you ever feel this way?
- Is it hard to tell the truth in our world today? Explain.
- What are some of the hardest things about challenging deceit?

FOR DISCUSSION:

Have someone read 2 Samuel 12:1-13. This is the story where Nathan confronts David over stealing another man's wife. You may want to read it twice. Make note of words, phrases and ideas that stand out to you. How familiar are you with this passage? What were your initial insights?

- Have you ever felt that God called you to confront deception? Explain without using names.
- How would you describe Nathan's purpose and motivation?
- How would you describe his technique?
- What should our attitude be when we confront deception?
- The technique Nathan used might not be wise in many situations. What are some constructive things we can do when confronting a lie?
- How do we balance a righteous sense of anger with a desire for redemption for the offender? Is this a challenge for you?
- What is David's response and what happens after that?

CLOSING

Are you struggling in a relationship? Ask God to guide you as you attempt to bring healing. Pray that he gives you word to speak!