

Transition:

Integrity can be defined as wholeness and honesty in character and conduct. What is a good example of integrity in the bible? The story of Job is a key example because Job loses his wealth, children, and health. Despite these devastating losses, Job does not curse God. He mourns but maintains his reverence for God. Job questions and even protests, but he does so without betraying his core faith or turning away from God. He never falsely accuses God of wrongdoing or abandons his commitment.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can I still trust God and do what's right even when life feels unfair?
2. How does Job's story challenge our assumptions about why bad things happen to good people? What role does integrity play when life feels unfair?
3. What does Job teach us about the relationship between integrity and trust? Is it possible to trust God deeply and still not understand Him fully?

Fundamental:

Integrity is a life of consistency and sincerity, with no deception or pretense. We should live honestly so that our family, church, and friends see us for who we truly are. The Bible emphasizes integrity as crucial for a righteous life (Proverbs 10:9, 11:3, 13:6; Titus 2:7). It defines who we are and is reflected in our actions and words. People observe us to see if our behavior aligns with our beliefs and character matches our words.

1. How do you define integrity in your own life?
2. What would it look like for someone to "maintain integrity" in today's culture where compromise is often rewarded?

Homework/Challenge:**Seven Day Integrity Challenge:**

Day 1: Identify one area of life where you're tempted to compromise.

Day 2-6: Each day, ask God to give you strength to stay faithful in that area.

Day 7: Reflect and journal how you saw God work through your commitment.

Read these verses as you reflect:

Psalm 41:12, Psalm 26:1, Psalm 101:2, Psalm 15:1-2

Discipleship Tip:

Integrity starts with the fear of the Lord (Job 1:1). It is not about outward appearances but inward alignment with God's truth. Integrity is refined in testing. The more pressure, the purer the character. **Speak the truth** even when it's hard, **Do what's right** when no one is watching. **Resist compromise** when it's tempting to cut corners, **Trust God** with the outcomes, even when integrity costs us something.

Prayer:

"Lord, help me walk in integrity like David, Job, and most of all, Jesus. Teach me to trust You when it's hard to do what's right. Search my heart and lead me in truth. Make me the same person in private that I am in public. Let my life reflect Your righteousness. In Jesus' name, Amen."