

Root Work – Week 5 - 1 Corinthians 4:14–21 “Truth Spoken in Love”

Supporting Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 4:14–21

Matthew 28:19–20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...

Proverbs 27:6 - Faithful are the wounds of a friend...

1 Corinthians 11:1 - Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

2 Timothy 2:2 - Commit these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Matthew 7:24–27 - The wise man built his house on the rock.

1 Chronicles 22:19 - Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God.

Psalms 42:1–2a - As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God...

James 4:8 - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Hebrews 12:6 - For whom the Lord loves He chastens...

Key Takeaways:

- Godly correction is not rejection; it is evidence of love and spiritual investment.
- Truth spoken without love becomes harsh. Love without truth becomes compromise. Truth spoken in love changes lives.
- Spiritual maturity is not measured by how much we know, but by how faithfully we follow Christ.
- God calls every believer to make disciples—not just pastors or ministry leaders.
- Discipleship is intentionally helping another person build their life on Jesus Christ.
- Strong biblical foundations prepare us to stand when life's storms come.
- You cannot fully trust someone you do not know.
- The more we know God, the more we trust Him. The more we trust Him, the easier surrender becomes.
- Discipleship moves us from simply knowing about God to truly knowing Him.
- We are called to imitate Christ so that others may see Him through our lives.
- Spiritual parenting is investing your life in someone else's spiritual growth.
- The Kingdom of God is not merely words—it is a transformed life.
- Jesus is the perfect example of grace and truth living together.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever experienced loving correction that helped you grow spiritually? What made it effective?
- Why do you think truth and love must always remain together?
- Is there someone who has intentionally discipled or invested in your walk with Christ? What impact did they have on your life?
- Is there someone God may be calling you to begin investing in spiritually?
- What does it mean to you that discipleship is building lives on Christ instead of simply sharing information?
- Which foundation in your own walk with Christ feels strongest right now? Which one needs more attention?
- Why do you think knowing God's character helps us surrender more fully to Him?
- What does Paul's invitation, 'Imitate me,' teach us about living lives worthy of following?

Personal Reflection:

Spend time with the Lord this week and prayerfully consider these questions.

- Am I teachable when You bring correction into my life?
- Is there an area where I have resisted truth because it was uncomfortable?
- Who has faithfully invested in my spiritual life? Thank God for them.
- Is there someone You are asking me to begin discipling or encouraging?
- What foundation do You want to strengthen in my life right now?
 - Assurance of Salvation
 - Knowing God's Character
 - God's Word
 - Prayer
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Fellowship
 - Sharing My Faith
 - Standing Against Temptation
 - Obedience

Write down one practical step you will take this week to grow in that area.

This Week's Discipleship Challenge:

- ☐ Encourage someone with Scripture.
- ☐ Pray with someone this week.
- ☐ Meet with someone to read God's Word together.
- ☐ Invite someone to begin One-to-One Discipleship.
- ☐ Share with someone what God has been teaching you.