



Sermon Discussion Guide

“A Love that Speaks”

Ephesians 4:15-25; Colossians 3:10-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

In this week's sermon, Scott reminded us that our words have the power to tear down or to build up. As God's people, transformed by the truth of the gospel, we are called to speak the truth in love to one another (Ephesians 4:15, 25). We looked at four practical categories of “love that speaks”: teaching, correcting, singing, and encouraging one another. Our words matter! When the gospel shapes our speech, our words become instruments of grace that build up Christ's body and slowly change the world.

Be Who You Are (Ephesians 4:1, 25)

1. Why is it important that Paul grounds his commands in who we already are in Christ because of His finished work (ie Ephesians chapters 1-3)?
2. How should remembering our identity in Christ shape the way we speak to others in the church?

Love Teaches (Colossians 3:16a)

1. What practical step could we take to let the Word of Christ dwell richly among us?
2. Why is it important for all members to teach one another regularly, and not just the pastors?

Love Corrects (Colossians 3:16b; Romans 15:14)

1. Why is correction one of the hardest forms of love to practice?
2. Which of Scott's six steps for correction (care more about them than comfort, check your heart/eye, talk directly, ask questions, be specific, pray/follow up) stood out to you most? Why?

Love Sings (Colossians 3:16c)

1. How does singing together teach, correct, and encourage us?

2. Think about a time when singing with others ministered to you. What did God do in your heart?

Love Encourages (Colossians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13)

1. Scott used the analogy of fans cheering alongside a cross country race. Why do we need this type of encouragement in our lives?
2. When have you personally been blessed by the encouragement of others?
3. How can you more regularly bless others with encouragement?

Action step: Ask someone what the Lord has been teaching them from His word this week, and share what you have been learning.