

Sermon Discussion Questions

Words: Truth In Love – Matt Slocum

25 June 2023

Sermon Text: Ephesian 4:7-15

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we wrapped up our Words series with, **Truth in Love**. Pastor Matt examined what it means for followers of Christ to not only speak Truth to others, but to say it from the heart of God, which is Love. Our discussion

included three key points: 1) With God, words are actions. 2) Consider the person and the outcome before you speak. 3) Give grace to others. There is power in our words and what we say is as important as how we say it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to assume a position where your guard is lowered in both your physical being and in your mind. After doing that, you were asked to listen for the voice of love to tell you who you are. Did you do that? If so, did you hear anything from God? Would you be willing to share it?

2. Is there something that stood out to you from the message this week?

3. In our world, love is primarily a feeling. In the Bible, love is primarily an action. How does this understanding affect or impact our idea of what love is?

4. “Actions speak louder than words”. What do you think about that statement? Can you think of a time when you have seen this? From the message, what does God think about that statement (Remember Matt said it was trick question).

5. When we consider the second point in Matt’s message, consider the person and the outcome before you speak, do you agree that not everything (even the truth) needs to be said? Why or why not?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite vegetable to eat fresh from the garden?

2. What is your least favorite summertime chore?

3. How should you fix iced tea? (Unsweet, Sweet, or Southern Sweet?)

6. There are, however, some things that NEED to be said. When we speak, we have an opportunity to speak grace (divine favor) to someone. Can you think of a time when you may have spoken grace into the life of someone?

APPLICATION

Our challenge this week is to speak up when the situation presents itself. It doesn't need to be a polished, professional word. The words we speak to someone has the power to give grace (divine favor). Look for those opportunities to speak Truth in Love to those you encounter. Be prepared to share your experience next week.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

The power of God can be dispensed by what we say.