

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Words: TRUTH – Matt Slocum

4 June 2023

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:24b-32

## 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 are starting a short sermon series called, “Words”. This series will look at the importance of words we speak. As new creations we are empowered by the Spirit of God to live life His way. Part of that life is in the words we speak and the weight we give the words others speak over us. This week we will be looking at what followers of Christ are called to, even when speaking the truth is hard.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, we were supposed to be spending time praying for the manifested presence and power of the Holy Spirit to come onto us. In what ways did you experience the Holy Spirit this week?
2. Today we started a new series called Words. What stuck out from the sermon which focused on truth?
3. Why is it important to respond honestly, even when it seems insignificant? For example, you’re reading a book, someone yells downstairs, “what you are doing?” and you respond that you aren’t doing anything, instead of saying that you’re reading.
4. What does it mean to be a new human? What are some characteristics of a new human?
5. Matt shared that there are three things that truth brings:

Freedom  
Redemption  
Grace

## 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. If you could create one holiday, what holiday would you create?
2. What celebrity endorsement do you not believe they actually use? (such as, Matthew McConaughey actually driving a Lincoln)
3. If you could switch places with one of your family members for one day, which family member would you choose, and why?

God places people in a position to speak truth over you, to build you up, challenge you and help you be all that God wants you to be. Has there been a time where someone has spoken truth over you that brought one of these 3 things? Share with the group how it affected you.

6. Have you ever been a part of a situation where “truth” was shared when it didn’t bring freedom, redemption or grace, and in turn, deeply hurt or wounded someone? What can you learn from that situation in watching the words you are speaking to others?

## **APPLICATION**

This week, as you are speaking to others, ask yourself the following questions as you practice speaking truth:

Freedom: Is it bringing relief/ freedom to others?

Redemption: Is it bringing reconciliation?

Grace: Is what I am saying showing grace?

## **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.

**Youth Summer Camp**, 19-24 June, Eagle Sky Camp, Piedmont, MO. Cost is \$525. See website for more details and to register.

**Child Dedications**, 25 June, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS. See website for more details and to register.

**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**

**Truth IS NOT revealing all of your past faults and mistakes to everyone.**