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## LOVE-TRUE

**1 John 2:4-6** Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, [5] but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: [6] whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

**"TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE HATE TO THOSE WHO HATE TRUTH."**

1) John challenges the church to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ should never come without \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ephesians 4:14-15** So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.**

### INTERACTION OF TRUTH & LOVE

A. \_\_\_\_\_ aims at \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Timothy 1:5** The aim of our charge [*goal of our instruction*] is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ aims at \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 13: 6** Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

**2 Corinthians 2:4** For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ shapes how to speak the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 3:15-16** In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope

that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

**2 Timothy 2:24-25** And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25] correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

*If you're wrong in the way that you're right, you're wrong even though you're right.*

D. \_\_\_\_\_ shapes how to show \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 5:2-3** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. [3] For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome

**Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ is one of our chief weapons in the spiritual war.

**Ephesians 6:11-14** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 2 John is pretty short. Before you begin your study, read the entire book as a group. What stood out to you?
- Talk about some times when you have felt trapped between truth and love.
- What does it mean to love *in* truth? Reference 2 John 1, 1 John 3:18 and 2 John 6.
- Compare news from a doctor to news from a Christian. How are they different? How are they alike?
- Which do you tend more toward? Truth or love?
- Review the 4 statements about the "Interaction of Truth & Love." Which ones are the most helpful?
- What is John trying to protect us from?
  - How can we "watch out" for the schemes of the enemy?