



Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

10/12/25

Title of Sermon: *Put off Falsehood, Put on Truth*

Main Point of Sermon: *Because we belong to the God of truth, we must put away falsehood and speak truth that builds Christ's body in love.*

Launching Question:

- What's a minor "crack" you once ignored (in a house, car, relationship) that later became a bigger problem? (this is a reference to the opening illustration of the foundations cracks at the Florida condominium that structurally collapsed and the cracks of deceit, lies, and hypocrisy that can cause destruction in the church)

Primary Scripture: Ephesians 4:25

Discussion Questions:

- Read Ephesians 4:17-25. How does the "therefore" in v. 25 connect the put off/put on pattern (v 22-24) to truth-telling? What is the logic?
- What does "having put away falsehood" imply about our identity in Christ versus our daily practice?
- Read Zechariah 8:16-17 and Exodus 20:16. Why has truth-telling always been a covenant marker for God's people?
- Contrast Satan as "father of lies" (John 8:44) with God who is light and cannot lie (1 John 1:5, Titus 1:2). How does truth/lie language reveal spiritual allegiance?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:15 and Ephesians 4:15. What's the difference between speaking truth and speaking the truth in love? Give examples of each.

Application Questions:

- Why do we have a tendency to lie, hide, deceive, etc. rather than be truthful? (Fear, sin, insecurity, etc) Why do you think we sometimes feel safer pretending than confessing in church settings?
- Where are you tempted to "project holiness" rather than "pursue it" (image management, vague confession, selective sharing)?
- Who do you go to for accountability—honest confession and prayer? If you don't have genuine accountability in your life, why is that? What's the purpose of accountability?
- What would it take for our gospel community (or our church) move from "how are you?" (friendly conversations) to "how are you really?" (fellowship conversations)?
- What is one small, practical way that you could help make our Cornerstone family a "City of Truth"?



- How can we encourage truth-telling in our community without becoming harsh or judgmental?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that the Spirit would teach us how to speak the truth in love so we may build up the body of Christ.
- Pray that Cornerstone Church would be a “City of Truth” (Zechariah 8:3)--honest hearts, genuine fellowship, healed relationships, and a credible gospel witness of the God of Truth.