



SERMON GUIDE

TELL THE TRUTH

Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

***QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

Conversation Questions

1. Can you think of a time when a friend had to tell you something they knew would be hard for you to hear, but they did it anyway and it was really helpful? What was your relationship like before? How did it change after the conversation?

2. Read Ephesians 4:11-14, 25. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?

3. Describe the goal of Christian fellowship (v.13) and the danger we're protecting one another from (v.14) in your own words.
 - a. Which phrases in these two verses do you personally need to pay the most attention to right now? Why?

4. In verse 15 and 25 Paul says that we should be speaking the truth to one another. Why do you think the truth can be so painful to speak sometimes? What do you think it would take to speak the truth "in love"?
 - a. Have you ever tried to do this and it went really well?
 - b. Have you ever tried to do this and it went really poorly?
 - c. What was the difference?

5. Our character is formed in the context of relationships ("the stature of the fullness of Christ," "mature manhood," see also verses 17-24). What elements are important in relationships for telling the truth to go well?
 - a. How could you be intentionally cultivating those relationships in your life so that you grow up into Christ? (It's a good idea to name the specific relationships that you want to deepen for the sake of character growth.)

Are there any specific steps that you feel God is inviting you to take so that you're in a position to "speak the truth in love" to others and vice-versa? Take some time now to ask for his help to obey this week.