

Week 12 2nd August 2020

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“Speak Truth to One Another”

Ephesians 4:20-32

Sermon Outline

- As Christ followers we are called to live a pure life
(v20-24)
- Being mutually accountable is necessary to stay on track
(v25)
- However, there is always a degree of risk and personal challenge
(v26-28)
- But it will be a blessing if our only motive is to build up and encourage – led by God’s spirit
(29-32)

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Small Group Questions / Discussion

Paul reminds us that we are called to live a life that honours God on a daily basis. This can sometimes be a real challenge. Has there ever been a time when you felt like giving up or perhaps a time when you may have lost focus? Share what that time was like for you. How important was it to have people around you encouraging you to persevere? Alternatively if you were isolated from others, how hard was it for you on your own?

Why do you think God tells us not to neglect meeting together - what is the advantage of having people journey with us? Has church online been a good substitute during this virus period? Will you find it hard to get back into a routine of church? At the moment – online church fills a need – but in what ways does it fall short?

Paul says that being a family is important. Unity and love allows us to speak truthfully to one another. Why is love and unity important? Why is there a need to speak truthfully to one another. Discuss principles that need to be in place before we challenge someone over a lifestyle choice. Likewise, what principles do we need to apply if we are ever the recipient?

Is speaking the truth to someone worth the risk? Can you share a time when someone challenged you and as a result you were blessed by the Godly way it was done.

What is your normal response when someone in your family keeps you accountable? How do you respond when a Christian family member challenges your behaviour? What is the only acceptable motive when it comes to speaking to others? Likewise what is most important when we consider how we respond?

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