

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of October 16th, 2016



Key Scripture:

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (ESV)

[...] ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Discussion Questions:

Who are the speakers of truth today in secular culture? What different kinds of truth do they claim to represent?

When this truth is conveyed by these peoples or groups is it done so in earnest love or in anger?

How would you describe biblical truth to a coworker?

Read John 14:6, John 16:13 & John 17:17. In these three scriptures Jesus makes three statements about what truth is. **Which one do you look to the most? How has each one worked to help you in your journey?**

Have you ever seen correct biblical truth given in a malicious way?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. In verses 4-6 it says what love is not. **Which one of these do you find the hardest? Is there anyone in your life that has modeled this well to you?**

Andrew said on Sunday that “Jesus is the perfect example of what it means to speak the truth in love.” **What example from Jesus in the gospels communicates this the most to you?**

The lesser quoted part of Ephesians 4:15 is “...we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, in Christ”. **Do you feel that you are growing into someone that looks like Christ?**

Do you believe that you have the power & ability to speak truth in love into people around you?

If you had to pick one person in your life “to disciple” you, who might that be?