



# *Final Tour Discussion Questions*

## Getting Connected

Briefly describe a person who you have seen model a commitment to being both truthful and loving at the same time.

What are some of the characteristics that marked this person's life for you?

In contrast, describe a person you know who has modeled a high level of commitment to the truth, but hasn't been very loving.

What's been the overall impact of this person's life in your estimation?

## Insights and Highlights

What's been the greatest benefit of The Truth Project study for you in the following three areas ...

- **Your Mind:** *Your ability to think biblically and critically about vital issues affecting your worldview, and communicate it to others when necessary?* (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 3:15)
  
- **Your Heart:** *Your personal relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?* (Matthew 16:25-26; Proverbs 4:23)
  
- **Your Influence:** *Your kingdom impact for Christ ... living, working and playing with other people in today's world?* (Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

## Biblical Focus

Read aloud the verses from Ephesians 4 printed to your right on this page (1-6, 11-32).

- What might the application of **verses 2 and 15** look like in your life, given all that you've learned over the course of The Truth Project? Be specific and give examples.

For further insight you might also read **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**.

- According to **verses 12-16**, what are God's deepest desires whenever leaders -- like Del Tackett -- use their gifts to impact believers in the Body of Christ (the church)?

Has this occurred for you, your small group, and Christ Community Church throughout the course of this study? Why or why not?

- In contrast, what was the impact of learning upon the Gentiles? (**verses 17-19**)

Why is Paul so emphatic that Christ-followers -- including you! -- don't make this same mistake? (**verses 20-24**)

- What are some of the ways Paul says we are to be communicating the truth and living our lives in relationship with other people who may not know Christ, embrace His Word, or even agree with us? (**verses 25-31**)

Which of these points challenges you the most?

- How might **verse 32** help someone relate to another person they might see as a potential adversary ... someone they might either write off or easily blast out of the water with the truth?

## Next Steps

As you conclude The Truth Project as a group, what are some ways your group can support you and one another in "speaking the truth in love"?

What are some areas of spiritual growth, further learning or impact for Christ that the Holy Spirit has placed on your heart as a result of this study?

## From Ephesians 4

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. <sup>17</sup>So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup>Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. <sup>20</sup>You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. <sup>21</sup>Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup>"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup>and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup>He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



**At Christ Community, we are looking forward to launching additional Truth Project small groups in the future, enabling even more people to benefit from this vital study.**

**So, as your group now officially wraps up your study of The Truth Project, we are eager to know three things ...**

- 1. How can we make this study even more beneficial for people and groups at Christ Community in the future?**
- 2. Do you, as a Small Group Leader, have either an interest or intention to lead another Truth Project small group in the future? If so, please speak to your Small Group Shepherd, Dick Dougherty (405-1120 / [dickd@cccgreeley.org](mailto:dickd@cccgreeley.org)) or Weston Kurz (356-7913 / [weston@slbbi.com](mailto:weston@slbbi.com)) as soon as possible.**
- 3. If you've been a participant/member of your small group for the duration of this study, are you open to exploring the possibility of leading a Truth Project group in the future? If so, Dick Dougherty would love to talk to you about this (405-1120 / [dickd@cccgreeley.org](mailto:dickd@cccgreeley.org)).**

