

## Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands




love – know – SPEAK - do



### ::THINK TOGETHER::

In groups of 5, discuss how you feel about the prospect of a) speaking the truth to someone, and b) hearing the truth from someone. Use the table below to make notes.

<b>Speaking the truth</b> <b>Confronting a liar</b>	<b>Hearing the Truth</b> <b>Confronted about your lying</b>
	

### ::BIBLE STUDY::

Look up two or three of the following verses and note down what it says in relation to speaking the truth in love.

Leviticus 19:16-17

1 John 5:16-17

Matthew 18:15-17

Proverbs 27:6

Luke 17:1-3

Galatians 6:1-2

James 5:19-20

1 Corinthians 5

Proverbs 24:11

Proverbs 17:17

Psalms 141:5

Proverbs 28:23

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

# Speaking the Truth in Love

1) *Speaking the truth in love is rooted in our submission to* \_\_\_\_\_

2) *Speaking the Truth in Love is our* \_\_\_\_\_

3) *Speaking the Truth in Love is* \_\_\_\_\_

4) *Speaking the Truth in Love does not force a person to stand before you to give an account,*

\_\_\_\_\_

5) *Speaking the Truth in Love necessitates* \_\_\_\_\_

## **::THINK TOGETHER::**

Without turning over the page, what practical steps could you take to speak to a person who has a) offended you, b) gossiped to you about someone in the church, c) unlovingly criticised an elder?



# How to Speak the Truth in Love – 4 C's

1) *Invite* \_\_\_\_\_

2) *Invite* \_\_\_\_\_

3) *Invite* \_\_\_\_\_

4) *Invite* \_\_\_\_\_

## **::SCENARIO::**

Imagine you have a follow-up appointment with Sharon regarding the situation between her and Ed. Revisit that scenario and apply the 4 C's of Speaking the Truth in Love, begin to minister to her.



*Sharon approached me after the Sunday service. She said that her marriage was a disaster and that she needed to talk immediately. We set up a time to meet and I asked her to invite her husband, Ed. However, Sharon came alone, telling her story emotionally and in great detail. Ed had been unwilling to come, telling her to "get her act together" or he was "out of here."*

*Sharon told of an increasingly violent relationship. She and Ed were no longer sleeping in the same room or going anywhere together. They had separate bank accounts and had recently agreed that it was best to eat supper separately. Their two young children took turns eating with each parent*

*Even before their marriage, they had experienced communication problems. Ed felt that Sharon was always trying to control him. Sharon felt that Ed never paid attention to her viewpoint unless she "made it real clear." Yet Ed said that Sharon was the most beautiful woman in the world and Sharon said that Ed was the best thing that ever happened to her.*

*Ed was a "mover and shaker" with an expanding import business, and Sharon enjoyed being with people that "matter." She had lived in foster homes all her life and never knew her natural parents. Ed was raised in a working class urban neighbourhood. Ed had said for years that Sharon was slowly destroying his manhood. Sharon confessed to two affairs during the marriage. Ed was very angry, and she appeared to be the same.*

*Sharon made her agenda very clear when we talked. "I am not here to work on me," she said. "I think I am okay. I am here because my marriage is in trouble. Do you think you can get my husband to talk to you? He's the one who needs help!"*

1) *Invite Consideration*

2) *Invite Confession*

3) *Invite Commitment*

4) *Invite Change*

## Biblical Examples of how to Speak the Truth in Love

1) *Platform 1* - \_\_\_\_\_

2) *Platform 2* - \_\_\_\_\_