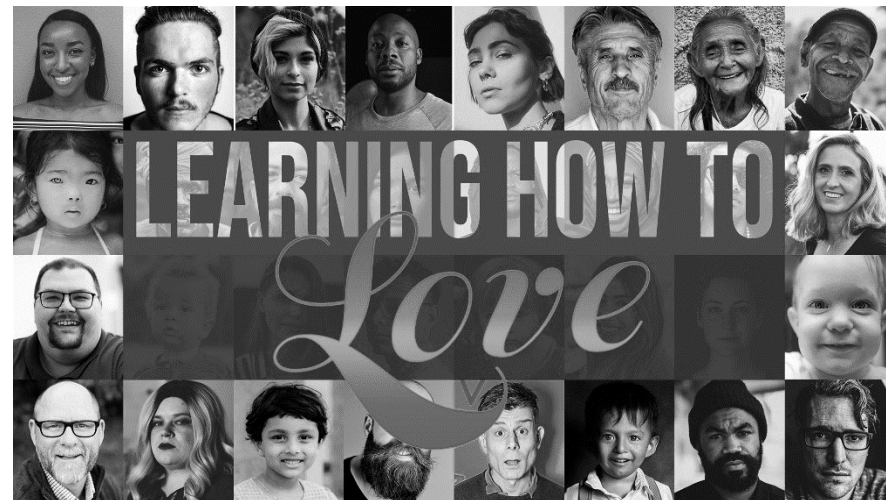


## How do we “truth” in love?

1. Immerse ourselves in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be open to the possibility I may be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ as much as we \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ to offer (speak or live) the truth.
5. Offer it in a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.



## Truth and Love

Growth is good, but not all growth is \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor 13)

Love is intended to benefit the \_\_\_\_\_.

Love does not come \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

### Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Section 1 = Verses 1-5 – Our unity in Christ

Section 2 = Verses 7-13 – Our diversity in Christ

### Section 3 = Verses 14-16 – Growing to maturity in Christ

Key: “Instead, *speaking the truth in love*, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” (vs 15)

Truth in love is the \_\_\_\_\_ by which growth happens.

#### What is Love?

The desire and action that puts the good of the \_\_\_\_\_ first.

#### What is Truth?

Modernist answer: \_\_\_\_\_ that align with reality.

Biblical answer: Not \_\_\_\_\_ than a proposition, but \_\_\_\_\_.

- “Truth” cannot be separated from \_\_\_\_\_.”

#### Truth AND Love

Vs 15, (literally) “but \_\_\_\_\_ in love...”

How?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth.

### Why we fail to “Truth”

1. We don’t want to \_\_\_\_\_ someone’s feelings.
2. We are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We don’t have the strength to go against the \_\_\_\_\_.

Our unwillingness to truth is a sign of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

- Failure to do it in love is equally so.

### Harmful motivations for speaking the truth

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ people.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ people.
3. To mark our \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ from the truth.

Truth spoken to \_\_\_\_\_ someone or spoken with callous \_\_\_\_\_ for others is no better than a lie.

We should always \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.