



**Knox Presbyterian Church
Small Group Discussion Questions
Better Together
Week of October 30th**

Get To Know Each Other

As always, spend some time checking in with the members of your group. Spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last week.

Read Scripture

Take some time and read the Scriptures for today (Ephesians 4.16).

- What jumps out at you?
- What strikes you?
- What questions do you have?

Group Discussion Questions

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1. V. 5 says, 'Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up....into Christ.' In other words, there is a connection between growing in Christian maturity and our ability to speak lovingly, but honestly, to one another.

- Do you think that's true?
- How have you seen that connection in your own life?

2. One way to understand the importance of speaking the truth in love is to reflect on what happens when we speak truthfully, but without love—or lovingly, but without truth.

- How can each of those ways of speaking fall short of what the church needs to flourish?

3. Ephesians puts a strong emphasis on the corporate nature of faith. We are only the church together, each one part of the body of Christ. This implies that Christians should not only be willing to share their perspective honestly and lovingly, but eager to listen to others as well. My point of view can always be enriched, or even corrected, by that of others.

- In your experience in the church, have people been more eager to speak, or more eager to listen?
- What happens when Christians lose their willingness to do either one of those things?

4. In the church, and in the world, sometimes we will meet people who speak without love, or who speak without any interest in listening.

- How can we continue to speak the truth in love in those situations?
- How have you handled situations like that in the past?
- How does Pastor David's discussion of the civil rights movement shed light on this question?

Action

Take a moment, and reflect.

- How can you speak more truthfully, and more lovingly, in your life?
- Where might God be calling you to speak with greater truthfulness, or greater love?
- Where might God be calling you to listen more attentively to the insights of others?

Closing

Share about this and pray together.