

LHCF Sermon Discussion Guide

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LOVING WITH TRUTH 40 Days of Love – Part 3

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth”

1 Cor. 13:6

1. “Love does not delight in evil” – what does it mean?

- Love doesn’t **boast** in sinful attitude and behavior

“I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame...” 1 Cor. 5:1-2 (NLT)

- Love doesn’t **expose** the faults of others – **gossip**

“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.” Prov. 11:13 (NIV)

*“They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil”
Rom. 1:29-30 (NIV)*

2. “(Love) rejoices with the truth” – what does it mean?

- Love flourishes with confession

“What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record. There was a time when I wouldn’t admit what a sinner I was. But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration. All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, “I will confess them to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Now I say that each believer should confess his sins to God when he is aware of them...”
Ps. 32:1-6 (TLB)

- Love flourishes with timely confrontation

“An open rebuke is better than hidden love!”
Proverbs 27:5 (NLT)

“... speaking the truth in love...” Ephesians 4:15a (NIV)

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”In your anger do not sin” Eph. 4:24-26 (NIV)

Small Group Life: Our Small Groups are all using the “40 Days of Love” Workbook and Video-Based Study by Rick Warren for this 6 part series.

What actions can you begin to take to help reveal God’s plan for your life? Pray about making a commitment to join and become actively involved in one our LHCF Small Groups.