

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 13, 2019



Sing the Song of Truth in the
Key of Love

Revelation 2:1-7

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Get to Know You

What is something that you love and know way too much about?
Something you can talk way too much about?

Study the Book

Read Revelation 2:1-7

Jesus expects his followers to be known for truth.

Read 2 Timothy 2:15

We have been entrusted with something and we are to correctly handle it.

How would you describe truth? Where can truth be found?

Read John 14:6, John 16:13, John 17:17, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Jesus embodied truth and sent the Holy Spirit to give us God's Word (the Bible) so we can know how to live in truth and righteousness.

What does it mean to correctly handle the Word of God?

What are some obstacles to correctly handling the Word of God?

How can we assess every sitcom, novel, song, and social media post according to the truth?

Jesus expects his followers to be known for love.

Read John 14:6 and 1 John 4:16

While we must know Jesus as truth, we must also be known for love. In Revelation 2:4, Jesus says, “But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first.”

Read Ephesians 1:15. What two things did Paul make note of concerning the church at Ephesus?

Why does the rush of outrage rather than the outpouring of love become our reaction to so many things?

What does it mean when someone says, “Let me cast a little light on the subject?”

Jesus says that truth that is not spoken in love is not light. We might be good with the logic and good with the comeback, but that’s not how light is cast into the darkness. What draws people in to the gospel is when they hear the song of truth sung in the key of love.

What is the warning for the church in Revelation 2:5?

Group Application Discussion

Pastor Tom asked the following questions in his sermon:

- Is there a way to discuss a sensitive subject so that a bridge is built instead of burned?
- Is there a way to express our disagreement to someone that leaves them feeling understood and respected even if we haven't changed their mind?
- When another person mischaracterizes your view and speaks rudely about you, is there a way to respond with patience?

Take some time to brainstorm these questions with real-life or hypothetical scenarios. Have group members provide testimony of successes and failures.

Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

Identify an area of Scripture in which you need to grow in order to correctly handle the Word of God. Develop a plan to grow in this area.

Identify a subject matter in which you typically respond with snark or outrage rather than love. Commit to adjusting your attitude.