



Order of Worship May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

## We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Tough Love Sermon: "Truth in Love"

# We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*

#### IT'S TIME FOR Capital Area Pregnancy Center's



Take home a bottle on Mother's Day.

Return filled bottles on Father's Day.

#### Fill it with your spare coins & bills OR make checks payable to CAPC.

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MAY 23 6:00-8:00 PM

A FUN NIGHT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD! BRING A LAWN CHAIR. INVITE A FRIEND.

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# 6:15PM THURSDAY JUNE 19

Order your own copy of "Subversive Witness" by Dominique Dubois Gilliard and join us for dessert and discussion! Email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org to sign up. Baking Thru the Bible for kids will also be held the same time!

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

## Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Have you ever had to share a difficult truth with someone at work, in your family, or at church? Were your words communicated with love and grace? How did that affect the way the person responded?
- 2. People focused on truth worry that others will get away with something, while those focused on love worry that they might make others feel bad about themselves. Which better describes you? How does that affect the way you think about God and faith?
- 3. In your interactions with Christians, have you mostly experienced judgment, a wishy-washy avoidance of truth, or truth in love? Explain.
- 4. What stands out to you about the Apostle Paul's words regarding our interactions with one another? What should be the goal of our conversations? What does it look like to be the "bigger person?"
- 5. What is significant about how Jesus navigates the tension between truth and grace/love?
- 6. This week, what do you need to practice more of, to grow in Christlikeness?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

# Tough Love "Part II. Truth in Love" Pastor Kris Beckert

### Does loving people make space for us to speak hard truth to people or does love require us to bite our tongue and stay quiet?

Ephesians 4:11-16 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will arow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

- I. The Goal: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Don't use poor behavior as an excuse to act \_\_\_\_\_(v.13)
  - Don't let deceitful or hurtful people \_\_\_\_\_ you around (v.14)

### II. The Way: \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus' ministry drove people crazy because he lived out both \_\_\_\_\_ and
- John starts his gospel proclaiming this about Jesus

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### III. The Problem:

#### 1. Love with no \_\_\_\_\_

- Thinks that being loving means being "nice," concealing \_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than revealing it
- Becomes exhausting and inauthentic
- Examples of \_\_\_\_\_: tells woman caught in adultery to "sin no more" (John 8:1-11), tells Judas he will betray him (John 13:26-30), tells woman at the well she has had 5 husbands (John 4), tells Pharisees they are missing the will of God (Matthew 23)
- Truth is what sets us \_\_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Truth with no \_\_\_\_\_
- Think you should be honest and doesn't matter how
- Becomes dismissed
- The Apostle Paul doesn't say \_\_\_\_\_ comes automatically with truth but rather indicates it's possible to share truth without it
- Truth might be necessary but love is about the spirit with which we say it.
- Examples of \_\_\_\_\_: tells woman caught in adultery "I do not condemn you" (John 8:1-11), eats last Supper with Judas and washes his feet (John 13), listens to woman at the well and shares who he is (John 4), 1/3 of meals Jesus eats in the gospels are with the Pharisees

IV. The Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Big Idea:**