

Sermon Notes

February 24, 2019

“Truth or Consequences”

Text: Matt `8:15-20 (pg 1527)

Sermon in a Sentence

”The Christian community depends on honest “truth telling”

INTRO

- A. “The Tunnel of Chaos”
- B. “Speak the Truth in Love”

II Truth or Consequences”

A: Who Should Speak the Truth in Love”

- 1> The Offended (Matt 18:15)
- 2> The Offender (Matt 5:21-24)
- 3> The Responsible Party (Rom 14:19:

Heb `1:14,15:

B:”How Should we Speak the Truth in Love?”

- 1. The Biblical Model for Conflict Resolution
 - a: One-On-One (Matt 18:15)
 - b: Take Two (Matt 18:16)
 - c: Bring the Church (Matt 18:17)
- 2. Practical Steps

- a: Face the Issue
- b: Face-to-Face
- c: Affirm the Relationship
- d: Use Observations – not Accusations

C: How Should we Hear the Truth in Love:

- 1: Be Aware of Your Defensive Reflexes
- 2: Consider your Levels of Defensive Mechanisms
 - a: denial deflector shields
 - b: Deluxe Retaliation Machines
 - c: Super Rationalization Responders
- 3: Do an Energy Conservation Conversion

III Conclusion

- A: Promises Attached
- B: Blessings Abounding