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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Is my handling of the truth the kind of treatment I would want from others?
- Is my handling of the truth helping me maintain a clear conscience?
- Is my handling of the truth revealing the good news of the Gospel or concealing it?
- Is my handling of the truth in dependency on the Holy Spirit, or am I following my own earthly wisdom?
- Is my handling of the truth a representation of my new nature in Christ?

Prayer Prompts:

- Lord, help me treat others the way that I want to be treated. Help me to share the truth when appropriate and to keep things to myself when to share would be gossip.
- Give me a clear conscience in my dealings with others. Help me submit my words to You, so that what I say and when I say it brings honor to You.
- Help me to spend less time managing my image before others. May my words and actions bring clarity to the Gospel so that others may know You.
- Knowing what to say and when to say it is hard, Lord. Show me how to depend on Your Spirit so that I can follow godly wisdom.
- Lord, help me lean into my new nature as a believer in You. May my words reflect this new nature and less my old, sinful nature.

Handling the Jagged Truth

- The truth of a situation is sometimes jagged. 2 Samuel 12:15-23
- Mishandling the truth can be withholding information. Proverbs 3:27
- Mishandling the truth can be giving information that isn't true. Proverbs 6:16-19
- Mishandling the truth originates with our enemy. John 8:44