

the TAKE HOME

Today's Scripture Passages:

- Battle over the truth: John 8:44, Exodus 23:8, Acts 5:3, John 17:17, Psalm 5:9-10
- The truth is coming out: Mark 4:22, Luke 8:17, Romans 2:16, 1 Timothy 5:25, 1 Corinthians 4:5

Review from Part One of this Sermon (7/20/2014 available online)

- 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 or concealing the Good News?
- 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?

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Do you recognize the spiritual battle surrounding a jagged truth in your life right now?
- What does it mean to you today that every secret is going to be brought to light?
- The last time you told a jagged truth, did you do it in love?
- What is the wisest way for you to handle a current jagged truth about yourself or someone else?
- Are you complicating a current jagged truth? What can you do to simplify this?
- What is the best timing for you to deal with this jagged truth?
- Are you praying for the best and preparing for the worst?

Prayer Prompts

- Lord, show me how my handling of the truth is not about me but about the larger spiritual battle going on behind the scenes.
- God I want to speak the truth from a sincere heart so that you can be honored. Show me how to take steps toward that goal this week.