

JESUS... "I tell you the truth."

[26 times in Matthew, 12 times in Mark
8 times in Luke, 28 times in John]

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." JOHN 14:6

PREVAILING ATTITUDE IN OUR WORLD

"Only enemies speak the truth; friends and lovers lie endlessly, caught in the web of duty." STEPHEN KING

- Talk of sin is commonly _____ today
- If you don't _____ with someone's choices, you _____ them
- It is unkind or unloving to take a stand _____ certain activities, attitude, and actions

REALITY

"Truth sounds like hate to those who hate the truth."

"Because lies always contain a kernel of truth, they can be craftily packaged as more true than truth itself." IRENEUS

- We are in a _____ on the truth
- There is _____ and _____
- There is _____ and _____
- There is _____ and _____ no matter what anyone says or how anyone feels
- It is _____ to NOT tell the truth!

AS A CHRISTIAN...

- _____ + _____ is the essence of the Gospel
"We [will] speak the truth in love, growing in every way

more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church." EPH 4:15

- What is _____ acceptable is not always _____ acceptable
- _____ sin is not loving
- If we love others we will _____ the truth
"Speaking the truth in love is about more than encouraging honesty; it's a rich experience of the new way of life that Jesus offers." CHEALSIA SMEDLEY [CRU WRITER]
- Love is doing what is _____ for someone
"Your goal in speaking is to help others see how Jesus' death and resurrection gives them a greater life than what the world offers." SMEDLEY
- Confronting sin is _____ for believers verses unbelievers, but the _____ is the same
"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." PHIL 1:11

JESUS... *"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* JOHN 8:31-32

THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL

- The Bible is our _____ on sin and righteousness
- Sin can be _____
- Hearts can be _____
- We speak the truth _____

SAINT AUGUSTINE...

"The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to truth."