

Beyond Sunday

Title: **The Right Angle**

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Bible Verse(s): **2 John**

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GATHER

These questions help us build connections with one another as we share personal experiences.

- Have you ever looked at something or someone and later discovered there was much more to the story than what you initially saw? What changed your perspective?
- Which do you find more challenging: speaking the truth when it might be uncomfortable, or showing love when you disagree with someone? Why?

GROW

These questions guide us through the Scripture from Sunday's sermon, helping us observe the text and understand more deeply what Jesus is teaching.

Read **2 John 1–13** together.

1. In verses 1–3, John repeatedly emphasizes truth and love. What do you notice about how he connects the two? What does he say flows from living in truth and love (v. 3)?
2. In verses 4–6, John connects loving one another with walking in obedience to Jesus' commands. How does this challenge or expand your understanding of what it means to love others? How might obedience to Jesus actually be an expression of love?
3. John reminds his readers that loving one another is not a new command (v. 5). Read John 13:34–35. What makes Jesus' command to love one another distinctive? How does Jesus model the kind of love He calls His followers to practice?
4. In verses 7–11, John warns the church about deceivers who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. Why was this teaching so important to protect? What specific instructions does John give the church for recognizing and responding to false teaching?
5. Consider the four responses to truth and love presented in Sunday's sermon:
    - **Sentimentalism:** High love, low truth
    - **Cruelty:** Low love, low truth
    - **Harshness:** High truth, low love
    - **Wisdom:** High truth, high love
6. Why is it important to hold truth and love together? Which of these responses do you think Christians are most tempted toward today? What does John's letter teach us about finding the right balance?

GIVE / GO

These questions help us apply the sermon's takeaways and consider how God is calling us to respond.

1. The sermon asks, "Where is Truth & Love clearly on display in our lives?" Where do you see evidence of both truth and love in your own relationships? Where might one be missing?
2. Is there a relationship in your life where you tend toward sentimentalism (avoiding truth to preserve harmony) or harshness (speaking truth without enough love)? What might it look like to approach that relationship with greater wisdom?

3. John encourages believers to remain grounded in the teachings of Jesus while being alert to what might lead them away from the truth. What is one practical way you can deepen your understanding of Jesus' teachings this week?

Take a Next Step: Identify one person with whom you can intentionally practice truth and love this week. Consider how you can will their good through both honest words and Christlike actions.

PRAYER

- Thank God for the truth revealed through Jesus and for His example of perfect love.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in obedience to Jesus, loving others with both grace and truth.

Closing Prayer: Lord, help us to see clearly, love deeply, and remain grounded in Your truth. Give us the wisdom to speak truth with grace, the courage to live according to Your teachings, and the compassion to will the good of others. May our lives reflect both Your truth and Your love. Amen.

GOING DEEPER

If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, consider one of these:

Video

1-3 John by the Bible Project

https://bibleproject.com/guides/books-of-1-3-john/

Book

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero

https://a.co/d/04WFJYU9

Practice:

Take a look at the Truth/Love diagram below and:

- Identify where you fall on this quadrant.
- Where would you like to grow?
- What is one thing you could do this week to pull you closer to the “Wisdom” box?

