



# SERMON NOTES

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Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses



Have you missed any of the sermons in this series? The first fourteen sermons of the series "TRUTH: Relative or Relevant" are available to download or stream online. Go to: <http://www.templerogers.org/sermons/truth-relative-or-relevant/>

<p>What is the main idea of this sermon?</p>	<p>What key words/thoughts are important?</p>
<p>What did we learn about God from this passage?</p>	
<p>What does God want me to do or believe in response to this message?</p>	
<p>What was my favorite song lyric today?</p>	<p>What is something I didn't understand?</p>

## Day One—Sermon Application

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. This passage focuses on the function and spiritual development of believers. Verse 15 encourages us to speak truth in love. **According to verses 13-14, what is necessary to be able to speak the truth in love? According to verses 15-16, why is it important to speak the truth in love?**

Read 1 John 3:11-19. In these verses, the Bible challenges us to love one another. **According to verses 17-19, how can we know if we truly love others as we ought? What does this passage teach us about truth?**

## Day Two—Worship Preparation

As we prepare for worship next Sunday, we want to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. We will be hosting an Evangelism Explosion: Share Your Faith Workshop next Sunday. Consider this:

### FOUR OBSTACLES TO EVANGELISM

- 1. Lack of Gospel Knowledge** - If you've been a Christian, even for a short time, you have likely heard the gospel hundreds of times. Yet, many of us still struggle to articulate the truths of the gospel. **Are you able to share the essential message of the gospel in sixty seconds, right now?**
- 2. Apathy** - Some of us just don't care that much about lost people. We wouldn't ever say it, but our priorities and lives reveal it. Most of us do not have any non-Christian friends. **When was the last time you invited someone into your home who did not know Christ?**

## Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

- 3. Fear** - Some are paralyzed by the thought of being disliked, marginalized, laughed at, or openly mocked. **What if talking about Christ makes it awkward or uncomfortable when I see my friends and coworkers?**
- 4. Lack of Compassion** - We have long forgotten what it was like to live without hope, lost and apart from Christ. We rarely consider that those who do not obey Christ "will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord." We just don't seem to care that much. We might say we care, but we rarely cry out to God for the salvation of our lost neighbors, coworkers, and classmates. We don't understand Paul's compassion in Romans 9:2-3 when he wrote: "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers..."