Royal Redeemer
CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for October 27-28, 2018:
Truth & Love

(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

● **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

● **Connect**
  o What question should you never ask a woman? A man?

● **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now*)*
So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
                                                                    Eph. 4:11-15

  o What is the job of church leaders, according to Paul?
  o What does mature faith look like? How mature is your faith?
  o When have you had to communicate a difficult truth to someone? How did that conversation go? What might you say or do differently now?
  o People focused on truth worry that others will get away with something, while people focused on love worry about hurting others' feelings. Which best describes you?
  o When have you experienced judgment from a Christian? Grace?
  o Read John 8:1-11. How does Jesus navigate grace and truth in this encounter?
  o Discuss: *When we offend everybody, it's because we've taken on the truth mantle without grace. When we offend nobody, it's because we've watered down truth in the name of grace.*   Randy Alcorn

● **Serve**
  o What difficult conversation have you been avoiding? How might truth play into what you say? How might grace play into what you say?

● **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**