

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS 101  
Tell People The Truth  
John 1:10-14

The Big Idea: Since **Jesus** dealt with people in truth, so should **we**.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

The First Truth-Telling Strategy: Help people see their **potential**.

“Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter) James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder) Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” Mark 3:13-19

“Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).” John 1:40-42

- As you interact with your people circle, look past their **current** status and see what God wants them to **become**.
- Tell them the **truth** of what you see.
- Encourage them to **pursue** their potential.
- Encourage them to trust God to help them.

The Bottom Line: Tell people the truth of what they can be.

Study Questions:

1. When you think about speaking the truth to people, what comes into your mind? Do you feel like you do that? What would be an example?
2. John 1:14 tells us that Jesus dealt with people in truth. What do you think that means?
3. In the first strategy, we talked about helping people see their potential. Answer the following...
  - Read John 1:40-42. How did Jesus do that with Peter? How can Jesus' example help you to see the potential in others?
  - Is there a time in your life when someone saw potential in you and told you the truth about what you could be? How did that impact you?

- How well do you do at pointing out people's potential? How might you improve in this area?
4. In the second strategy, we talked about helping people face sinful and destructive things in their lives that are preventing them from being what God wants them to be. Answer the following...
    - Are you more likely to avoid or embrace speaking a hard truth to someone you love?
    - Read the two passages listed under this point (Luke 2:24-26 and Matthew 16:21-23). What do they teach you about Jesus' style of confronting people?
    - Read through the things listed under "before you confront". How do they help you prepare to speak to someone?
    - Read through the things listed under "when you confront". How do they help you when you speak the truth to someone?
  5. What are the one or two things you need to do as a result of this lesson?