

October 14, 2018
Message Title: Candor
Teaching Pastor: Brian C. Hughes

This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Key Points	
1.	QUICK REVIEW: Did you adopt any practices or find ways to pursue wisdom this week? Share with the group what worked for you.
2.	What is one thing you can share about yourself that no one knows? (It doesn't have to be a deep, dark secret - just something unique about your life that others might not know!)
3.	The topic this week is 'candor'. Pastor Brian defined candor as "The equal blending of truth with love." Which of those two things is more important to you: truth, or love?
4.	Brian said, "Love without truth is shallow." Have you experienced this? Where do you see evidence that this is true?
5.	"Truth without love is harsh and uncaring." How have you experienced this? Where do you see this happening?
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6.	Read Matthew 16:13-20 out loud. Read it twice; once for the story, and a second time to listen for what stands out.
7.	How do you see truth and love reflected in this exchange between Jesus and his disciples?

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8. "Who do you say I am?" Based on what you know about Jesus, and your experience with him, which of these words most accurately depict your current understanding of who he is? Feel free to add your own words as well.

Savior	Friend	Helper	Guide	God	Judge	Prophet
Love	Comforter	Teacher	Master	Defender	Deliverer	Victor
King	Lord	Forgiver	Redeemer	Leader	Shepherd	Rock

9. Is there a relationship in your life that needs a better balance of truth and love? What about your relationship with God? Spend some time with God this week, asking for his guidance in these areas. Journal your thoughts and responses to God.

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