

Two Nations Under God

Part Two: Various passages

Launch

What is your default mode: confrontation or peacekeeping? Explain.

Explore

Read Isaiah 5:20 & Isaiah 59:14-15

What do these passages tell us about the human condition?

How do people distort reality? What is their motivation for doing this? Why are people so inclined to twist and damage the truth?

Read 2 Timothy 2:23-25

“How we share truth is just as important as what we share.” What does this passage teach us about how to share? What principles stand out?

What is the relationship between truth and love? Between truth and grace?

Apply

Reflect on American History for a moment. During times of national disunity and evil (e.g. slavery, the treatment of Native Americans, segregation, etc), how has the church responded?

When it comes to communicating truth, how are most Christians currently doing? Based on your interactions on social media, are we making the division in our culture better or worse?

Describe a time when you've had an opportunity to share truth. How did it turn out? Did you back down? Did you try to win an argument? Did you get defensive?

Pray

Pray that we would be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be full of grace and truth in all our relationships, especially with our oikos.