



What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

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For further Application, Meditation, and Conversation on today’s text:

Date: 10/29/2023 – “Nothing But The Truth, So Help Me God” (Exodus 20:16)

1. Psalm 15:1-5 speaks of the upright, honest, man of integrity (read it, please). In this concise passage God connects His own pleasure and anticipation of dwelling on His holy hill with those who are honest. What are the various ways that the man of Psalm 15 displays integrity and honesty in his words? How do you compare?
2. Because God is truth, He wants His people to "practice the truth" and walk in the light (see 1 John 1:6-7). What are some areas that you know you need to walk in the light yet continue to walk in darkness?
3. How do you respond to the Spirit's first workings of conviction when you lie or "bend the truth"? Do you immediately repent and seek to walk uprightly? Do you appease your conscience through downplaying the lying tongue?
4. When you hear a brother or sister bear false witness to you about another person, do you help this brother or sister to glorify God by avoiding such slanderous talk?
5. Jesus Christ is Truth, and He is our example to follow. Therefore, how does lying and bearing false witness, avoiding the truth and covering a lie, reveal that we really follow the example of Satan (the father of lies) rather than our Lord and Savior? How does this affect our testimony when we act this way?
6. Repentance will always begin the process of restoration. If your words have hurt, slandered, dishonored or defamed, repent and seek the Lord's forgiveness. Then when you have sought this forgiveness from the Lord, seek this forgiveness from whom it is necessary. (If you are unsure if you need to see that person's forgiveness, ask a leader, brother/sister, elder).