

We \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth (14-15a)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Paul wanted to be with Timothy in person, but knew that there were things important enough to communicate sooner than later (vs 14). Is there anything you want to make sure you communicate to those around you, no matter what happens in the future?

3. What are the metaphors Paul uses to describe the Church in verse 15? List at least 3 reasons why these are helpful descriptions.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth (15b)

4. Knowing that the Church is the "pillar and support of the truth" (vs 15), how is truth being attacked in our culture? Are there any unique challenges to truth in our local context?

5. How can you encourage, support, sharpen, or edify a leader in the church this week?

6. Paul speaks of the "conduct" (vs 15) of Christians in light of their common beliefs (vs 16). How does knowledge impact behavior (generally and specifically) for the Christian?

We \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth (16)

7. Compare Paul's Gospel message in verse 16 to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Make three observations and one application from this analysis.

8. How would you use this passage to interact with someone who says, "A Christian doesn't need to know theology; they just need to have a personal relationship with Jesus"?