

Connecting:

- Why are Minnesotan's known for beating around the bush? Why are we so afraid to just speak out minds sometimes?
- What are some things you don't like telling people? Your spouse?
- Have you ever had someone not tell you something that would have been really helpful?
- What's an honest question you wish your Christian friends would ask you?
- What's something you wish more people were honest with you about?

Application: Jesus is about cleaning the heart. The pharisees are about cleaning the hands

Read Luke 11:37-54

- What are some normal house party rules (manners) you try to follow? What happens when someone breaks them?
- What is the difference between being offensive and saying something that offends?
- How does one reveal the ugly in you verses revealing the ugly in them?
- Wes gave the illustration of hammers on a melon and a brick. How do you discern when it's time to use words that are harsher in nature?
- Have you had to use harder words with someone in the past and how have they responded? What were some things you did to help them after they responded?

Application: The gospel knocks you to the floor with truth and lifts you up with grace.

Read Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16

- What leads to a person being calloused? What are some stages of ignoring or dismissing the truth that they might go through?
- Have you found this statement to be true, "If you are not willing to speak truth in love its because you don't love them or the truth?"
- What are some of the characteristics the define your best friendships?
- Read Proverbs 27:5-6. Who are three friends that you let wound you? What are some things you do to make this a part of the friendship?
- How do these Christian relationships compare with secular ones you have?
- How do these kinds of conversations help us to be honest with God in how we are responding to his word?