

Let's Get Started

1. Before you begin this study, ask God to reveal His truth to you as you read His word. God promises to give wisdom to those who genuinely seek it.

James 1:5 New International Version

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

2. What phrase or observation from Pastor Derrick's message did you find to be most helpful, challenging, or eye-opening? Explain your answer.
3. In Paradigm Pt 3 what was the definition Pastor gave for Truth?
4. There are several philosophical definitions of the word truth, one of the most common is "that which corresponds with reality." In your own words explain what that means and if or how it relates to the biblical definition of truth.
5. Why is truth important in the Christian life?

Let's Dig In

6. Read the following scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 12:8, Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 21:2, Judges 21:25

The Bible mentions the phrase "all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes" several times to describe the actions of Israel and other nations. What does that mean and what are some of the characteristics of people and nations who do what seems right in their own eyes?

7. CS Lewis said, We are now getting to the point at which different beliefs about the universe lead to different behavior.” “Religion involves a series of statements about facts, which must be either true or false. If they are true, one set of conclusions will follow about the right sailing of the human fleet: if they are false, quite a different set.” (*Mere Christianity*, p. 58)

What are your thoughts about this quote?

8. How have you wrestled with questions about the truth in your own life? Has your knowledge of Jesus resolved those questions? How?
9. What are some obstacles that you or others may face in finding and believing and living in the truth?
10. Based on the message, what are 3 important points about God’s truth does in our lives? Explain each point.
11. What is Satan’s main weapon against us?
12. Based on the message, what scripture would best describe the spiritual condition of unbelievers as it relates the truth of the Gospel?
13. Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus told the believers to put on the whole armor of God. This armor was not a suggestion, it is vital to believers standing in the midst of evil times. Read and discuss the scriptures below.

Ephesians 6:11-18 (King James Version)

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

14. Why do you feel truth was the 1st piece of armor that Paul mentioned?

15. Mathew Chapter 4:1-11 tells the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. Based on your reading, name the areas that Satan attacked.
16. Take a moment of self-reflection and identify areas in your life where Satan tries to get you to fall to temptation.
17. In John 8: ³¹Then said Jesus to those Jews *who believed in Him*, “**If ye continue in My Word**, then are ye My disciples indeed. ³² And **ye shall know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free**.” When you read this passage of scripture and reflect on your own personal testimony, what do you think it means to be set free by the truth of Jesus?
18. What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this study about the truth of God found in Jesus? How will you allow it shape your life in the coming week?
19. If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.

Let's go Deeper!

Here are some helpful resources:

Mere Christianity- CS Lewis

<https://www.amazon.com/Mere-Christianity-C-S-Lewis/dp/0060652926>

The Authenticity of the Bible | Reuben A. Torrey

<https://anekopress.com/product/the-authenticity-of-the-bible/>

Rebolution- Absolute Truth: What It Is and Why It Matters

Article By Ella Charko

<https://www.therebolution.com/blog/2023/06/absolute-truth-what-it-is-and-why-it-matters/>