

LEAD SHEET

TRUTH OR DARE : WEEK 1 WHAT IS TRUTH? JANUARY 8, 2017

THIS MONTH'S FAITH SKILL: **DIALOGUE WITH GOD**

If you want to know God better, talk to Him!

GETTING STARTED

General Discussion:

Today we're going to start studying a little bit about what Truth is. We live in a world where, sometimes, knowing the truth can be confusing or difficult. It is hard to discern right from wrong and, in some cases, to know whether or not there is a right and wrong.

Before we dig in, I want you to look at some scenarios. Take a look at the "What is Truth" survey. Take a moment to really think about your answers, then write a simple yes or no.

(These surveys are designed to introduce students to the tension of truth and lies. You may be surprised at their answers. Be careful not to criticize how they respond. This is simply meant to be introductory. The instruction that follows will start to shape their stances of right and wrong.)

Take about 5 minutes to think through these and answer each question.

DIGGING IN

Read John 18:33-38

In this passage Pilate and Jesus are discussing who Jesus claims to be. Pilate is struggling with the answer

to that question. In 18:37, Jesus says that anyone who “is of the Truth hears my voice.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think it means to be "of the Truth"?
2. If you examined our society, would you say that our country is "of the Truth"? Explain.

Pilate responds to Jesus by asking, "What is Truth"?

3. Is truth something that is different for different people or is it the same for everyone?
4. How do you decide what is true in your life?

Pilate asks the question, and no answer is recorded here in Scripture. But the Bible says plenty about truth.

(Below are several Scriptures that talk about truth. We'll dig into these a little deeper next week, but these frame the entire study and make the point that the Bible has plenty to say on the subject. Just go thru these points quickly. If they did their PowerUp from last week then they should be familiar with them already.)

The Gospel is the Truth

- Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 1:5

God wants us to know the Truth

- 2 Timothy 2:15

The Church is meant to protect the Truth

- 1 Timothy 3:15

Some oppose the Truth

- 2 Timothy 3:2-8 (With emphasis on verse 7)

The Truth should change how we live

- 1 John 3:18

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Discussion Questions:

1. After reading these passages, what would you say the Bible thinks of truth?
2. Do you think there is opposition to the Truth in our world today?
3. Why is it so hard to tell right from wrong, and truth from lies?

We're going to talk a lot over the next few weeks about absolute truth versus relative truth. We'll talk about real life situations and Biblical passages that explore the idea of truth. Before we do that, let's challenge ourselves with one more main idea.

MAKING IT REAL

One of the main themes in the Scripture, as we saw a second ago, is that the Truth should change our lives.

Read John 14:6

When Pilate asked the question, "What is Truth?" he didn't realize it, but he was looking at the answer. Jesus is the Truth according to this verse. Jesus doesn't just tell the Truth, He defines what it is. He is the personification of it. When we say that the Truth should change our lives, we're saying that Jesus should change our lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can Truth be summed up in the person of Jesus Christ?
2. How can you let the Truth that is Jesus change your life?

CLOSING PRAYER

As we pray, pray to yourself that God will give you a knowledge of the Truth and a closeness to Jesus that will change the way you live.