

The Truth Is

Troubling The Darkness - Week 5 (8-3-22)

John 18:35-38

I. Determining Truth

A. Your World View

1. What I decide truth is does not change what truth really is, but it does determine how I live my life and influence other people.
 - a) John 3:16-21
 - (1) What you decide to be true for you is important!
 - b) Our perception and how we see things determines what we do.
 - c) We need to be humble enough to realize that the way we see the world is limited to our own experiences, knowledge, weaknesses, thought life, up-bringing, etc.... our own world view.
2. Absolute truth creates unity because we all are equally subject to the same “measuring stick”, and can all be on the same page.
 - a) If God does not exist, then there is no basis or grounds for morals. We are all just animals that arose out of some chemical soup, and there is nothing wrong with killing, raping, stealing, lying, etc.
3. Don’t follow your heart!
 - a) Jeremiah 18:9 - “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: Who can know it?”

B. Does It measure up?

1. We must know that God and His word is truth, and what to do with it first.
 - a) The parable of the sower sowing the word is the “parable of all parables”.
“Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?” - John 4:13
 - b) We must have the right “measuring stick” and know how to use it!
2. Seeds Produce after their own kind. - Gen. 1:11-12 & Luke 6:43-45
 - a) This is an eternal, spiritual, truth that is seen in all aspects of life.
 - (1) It’s true in plants, animals, finances, relationships, thoughts, words, etc.
 - b) Lies breed confusion, uncertainty, instability, death, fear, shame, paralysis, ... its the enemy to God’s word which is life!
 - (1) John 10:10 - “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”
 - (2) We must choose the truth/life or lies/death
 - (a) Duet. 30:19 - “...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”
3. Jeremiah 9:1-7 “melt them and try them”

- a) In order to separate the truth from the lies there has to be a purging process take place. It all has to be put to the test, and the things that are left standing in the end is pure truth. Just like smelting metals.
- b) Cleansed by The Word
 - (1) John 17:17 - "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth."
 - (a) Read through verses 16-23 in context of Christ being truth, and truth being what unites us all!
 - (2) Eph. 5:26 - "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."
 - (a) (If time allows) Eph. 5:7-17
 - (3) Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is quick, and powerful..."
 - (a) The word helps us weed out the lies but it also helps us to determine and lay open what really is going on in our own hearts.
 - (4) Psalm 119:9 - "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word."
- c) Put the truth to work - Hebrews 5:13-14
 - (1) you have become mature in truth when you have practiced and trained your senses to be able to discern between good and evil.
- 4. Judge by The Spirit of Truth
 - a) 1 Corin. 2:9-16
 - b) 1 John 4:1-6

II. Walking in Truth

III. Spiritual Truths Vs. Physical Realities

- A. We are living in this world that is being led and governed by death and lies, but we are not of this world but of God's kingdom which operates on God's word and life. We have to learn how to use our faith in order to bring heaven to earth. "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Isaiah 59:19