



Living in the Truth

1. The truth we _____ is the _____ for the love we're called to _____.

2. Truth is more than something we _____ ; it's something we're called to _____.

"Hermeneutic of the Gospel"

People should be able to look at the life of a _____ and see something of what the _____ means.

3. Walking in truth means _____ in _____.

4. Walking in truth means _____ what _____ us.

MY NEXT STEP IS TO... .

- ☐ Trust Jesus and begin following Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- ☐ Memorize 2 John 6.
- ☐ Ask God to show me where I need to more fully live out what I believe is true.
- ☐ Put truth into practice by intentionally loving and serving someone this week.
- ☐ Get the most out of each Sunday's teaching by signing up to join a life group.



You Can Know How to Walk in the Truth

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To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth—² because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:³ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

⁴ It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵ And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. ⁷ I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what we[a] have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

¹² I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. ¹³ The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings."

2 John

You Can't Handle the...

Truth: An objective reality, rooted in God's _____ and _____, that does not change according to _____ and _____.

The fact that we _____ truth does not mean that truth itself is _____.



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2. Truth is more than something we agree with; it's something we're called to walk in.

"Hermeneutic of the Gospel"

People should be able to look at the life of a Christian community and see something of what the gospel means.

3. Walking in truth means walking in love.

4. Walking in truth means guarding what shapes us.

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Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFE GROUPS

Welcome to the Fall Quarter of Life Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Life Group Quarter. Your first meeting will include extended time for you to get to know the others in your group as well as time to discuss the Life Group Covenant. To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below. Please don't feel like you need to answer all the questions. Have a great first meeting!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the great parts of being in a Life Group is getting to know others better. Take a few minutes to share your answers to the questions below.

- What is one highlight from your summer?
- What is something you've been enjoying lately? It could be a show, book, podcast, hobby, food, or anything else.
- If you could instantly become really good at one skill, what would you choose?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Following Jesus involves more than knowing or agreeing with what is true. God's truth is meant to shape the way we live. James warns about the danger of hearing God's Word without putting it into practice.

Read James 1:19–27.

Who is someone you know whose beliefs are especially visible in the way they live? What makes that noticeable?

In verses 22–25, James compares God's Word to a mirror, that is, it shows us something true that is meant to affect how we live. Why do you think we sometimes walk away from what Scripture shows us without responding?

Verse 25 describes God's Word as “the perfect law that gives freedom.” Why might we tend to think of law and freedom as opposites? How does James connect them?

When people today think about Christianity, are the things James describes in verse 27 usually what come to mind? Why or why not?

What has God already shown me through His Word that I need to act on today?

2. We sometimes assume that love means affirmation. But Jesus shows us a compassionate love that is also willing to speak difficult truths.

Read Mark 10:17–27.

What stands out to you in this passage?

Why do you think Jesus responds to the man's question about eternal life by focusing on his wealth?

Mark tells us that Jesus “looked at him and loved him” immediately before telling him a very hard truth. Why do you think Mark includes that detail? What does it teach us about the relationship between truth and love?

What makes it difficult to speak truth to someone we genuinely love?

Have you ever had someone tell you something difficult that you later recognized as an act of love? What made the difference?

How can the way Jesus speaks truth in this passage shape the way I speak to others today?

FOR PRACTICE

At the end of each day this week, take a few minutes to think back over your day. Ask yourself: Where did I walk in truth today? How did my words and actions help others see the truth and love of Jesus more clearly? Where my words or actions fell short, ask God to help me walk more faithfully in His truth tomorrow.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.