

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



WHAT IS TRUTH?

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We live in times when the media influences our thinking in overt and covert ways. Knowledge is plentiful, but wisdom is often lacking. With the bombardment of information from smart phones, tablets, the internet, and television, what are we as Christians to believe? What is true and what is false? It's often difficult to tell the difference. There is only one reliable source of truth – God's Word! Let's seek it together in this study!

Read Psalm 145:18

The source of wisdom is God. In this Psalm, King David reminds us that the _____ is _____ to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in _____. Have you experienced God's presence when you call on Him in truth? How so?

Read 2 Timothy 4:4

Although we might call on God and proclaim the Good News to all those we encounter on the highways and by-ways, sometimes our words will not be heard. The Apostle Paul reminds us that, "They will turn their _____ away from the _____ and turn aside to _____." Perhaps you have experienced this at secular bike rallies? What is your response?

Read Zechariah 8:16 and 1 Corinthians 13:6

Regardless of how words are received, we are reminded to always _____ the _____ to each other, and remember that _____ does not delight in _____ but rejoices with the _____. How do you rejoice in the truth of your faith?

Read Ephesians 4:15

When we speak the _____ in love, we grow to become in every respect the _____ body of Him who is the head, that is, _____. Sometimes sharing the truth with others in love means calling out bad habits, questionable practices, or other destructive behaviors. This is not meant to be judgmental, but helpful. When have you been moved to speak truth in love to a family member or friend recently?

Read John 8:31-32

If we are truly disciples of Jesus, then we will know the _____, and the _____ will set us free. What does Jesus mean by this? What are the burdens of living with falsehoods, lies, and deceit?

Read John 1:14

We can see and recognize the truth through the Word. Jesus Christ is the _____ who became _____ and made His dwelling among us. As His followers, we see His _____, the glory of the one and only _____, who came from the Father, full of grace and _____. Jesus is the embodiment of the Word of God. Through the Word we fully understand His glory in grace and truth! How would you describe truth in terms of Jesus and His ministry on earth?

Read John 18:37-38 and John 14:6

Pilate asked Jesus if He was a king, but Jesus responded by restating His mission in the world. It was straightforward and comprehensive. It was all about TRUTH. Jesus said that He came into the world to _____ to the _____. All those on the side of _____ listen to Jesus!

But, Pilate...being the consummate politician, asks Jesus, "What is truth?" Jesus answered that question before in a very succinct way saying, "I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through me." So then, what is truth? How can we know for sure what is true?

Read 2 John 1:3

As we go about the ministry God has called us to, we know we are not alone! We are certain that _____, _____, and _____ from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will always be with us in _____ and love.