

*More Than Random - Truth*

*John 14:6 ESV*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*John 18:37–38 ESV*

*Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.*

- 1. Truth is the opposite of falsehood*
- 2. Truth originates with God*
- 3. Truth is an aspect of God's character*

### Questions for Fellowship Groups Week of June 5

This week's message addressed another of the things we are to set our minds upon stated in Phillipians chapter four: truth.

1. The quote from William Penn encourages us to seek truth instead of victory when engaged in discussions or debates. How does this challenge you (and maybe your media consumption)? Why is it important to engage in debates with humility instead of superiority?
2. Discuss this quote: "If you shut up truth and bury it under the ground, it will but grow, and gather to itself such explosive power that the day it bursts through it will blow up everything in its way." When have you experienced this in your life?
3. The opposite of truth is falsehood. Discuss how falsehood is more than just lying (for instance, withholding truth, wearing a mask/living a double-life, etc.)
4. Truth originates with God. "All truth is God's truth." How do these statements help you interact with the world around you?
5. The final point in the sermon was "Truth should be reflected in the character of God's people" and Michael read Zechariah 8:16:  
"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace." Reflect on speaking truth to one another, in love, and the difference between "keeping it real." How do we love truth and still extend grace? (hint: we let the Holy Spirit do his work instead of us doing it for him.)

Ask about prayer requests and pray that we can become lovers of truth while also loving our neighbors well.