

DISCUSSIONNOTES

9.13.20

TRUTH IN
TROUBLED
TIMES

“Jesus is on trial for His life when Pilate asks Him in **John 18:38**: “What is truth?” Good question. What is truth... Do you know? If someone were to ask you this question, how would you answer? How do you know? Explain.

Though the world may see things differently, and have the attitude everything is relative, Christians are told to be different. Read **Romans 12:2**. *“Truth matters because beliefs lead to actions, and actions have consequences. What you believe about Jesus, the Bible, moral values, the family makes an eternal difference in your life.”* The world is facing troubled times. How might the battle over truth since the beginning of time be related to the problems we’re facing today? Does learning from the past matter? Why or why not?

God establishes truth. Read **Genesis 2:15-17**. When God gave His orders, do you think He had a reason for the guidelines? Were they for our benefit? Jamie said, *“Truth is based on the very nature of Who God is.”* Read **2 Corinthians 10:12** and **John 14:6**. Have you ever tried to pass values along to your kids, or someone you know and they ask why it’s wrong, but you don’t know? You just say it’s wrong cause the Bible says so or the church. But Jamie made a very clear point we all need to understand. Jamie said, *“The reason it’s wrong is because it’s contrary to the nature of God, and He is the source of truth. We must understand that fact.”* How do we understand the truth more? Discuss.

Sarcasm and mockery are great tactics to chip away foundations of truth. Read how Satan questions God’s Word in **Genesis 3:1**. Satan also denies God’s Word in **Genesis 3:4** and reverses God’s Word in **Genesis 3:5**. See how Jesus talked about Satan in **John 8:44**. Why do you think people reject God’s Word? What does the Bible say about it? Are there multiple reasons or just one? Explain.

God does not change. Read **Hebrews 13:8**. Sin has brought chaos and disorder in the world. What can the righteous do? Without the absolute standard of truth, **Psalms 11:3** is where we stand. As Jamie continues this series, let us dedicate ourselves to the truth. Read **Ephesians 4:15**. Close with prayer, asking God to help you live as closely like Christ as possible, always speaking in truth and love.