

TRUE-ISH – 1 -- WHAT IS TRUTH?

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

John 18:37-38a

- **WHAT YOU BELIEVE DETERMINES HOW YOU BEHAVE.**

THE FATHER OF LIES

(The devil) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44b

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie...

Romans 1:18, 22, 25

TWO OF SATAN'S GREATEST WEAPONS:

- 1) **RELATIVISM**
- 2) **SUBJECTIVISM**

- ***Relativism***—assumption that there is no such thing as absolute truth.

Hegelian Dialectic: Thesis + Antithesis = Synthesis

- ***Subjectivism***—I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

1) **TRUTH IS NOT JUST A WHAT BUT A WHO.**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-2, 14

2) **JESUS—THE TRUTH—CAN SET YOU FREE.**

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

Discussion Questions

- 1) Where do you see relativism and subjectivism in our society today?**
- 2) What you believe determines how you behave. How have false beliefs affected you?**
- 3) John 1:14 said Jesus came full of grace and truth. Truth without grace can lead to legalism. Grace without truth can lead to an “anything goes” mindset. Do you lean more toward grace or truth? What can you do to experience totality of the grace and truth of Christ?**
- 4) How is (has) Jesus setting (set) you free?**