



Teaching Notes

Biblical Worldview

Week 2 – Truth: Absolute or Relative?

Romans 12:2

Truth is powerful. It brings life. It has been here since the beginning, and it still exists today. But is truth absolute or relative? Absolute truth is defined as something that is true at all times, in all places and for all people. 3 out of 4 Americans (including many Christians) say there is no such thing as ultimate, or absolute truth. If there is no basis for moral decisions, then whatever one chooses to do is right in their own eyes (Judges 21:25). As followers of Christ, we believe the Bible is the source of absolute and eternal truth. Even though our society tells us that it's narrow-minded to believe in ultimate truth, there's a lot of evidence that says we should run after it with all our hearts. Christ says the truth will set us free. And that promise is true for all times, all places and for all people!

READ:

Romans 12:2 (Psalm 86:11, John 8:31-32)

- What does it mean to conform to this world? What does it mean to be transformed?
- Why does the mind need to be “renewed” in order to know the will (truth) of God?
- Why do you think Paul focuses on the mind and not our actions?

DISCUSS:

- How would you define truth? How would the world around you define truth? What is the biggest difference between the way you and the world define truth, if any?
- Do you believe the Bible is the ultimate source of eternal truth? Why or why not?
- What is the truth that gives ultimate freedom? (**John 8:32, 36**)
- What is the connection between Jesus and the truth? (**John 4:23; 8:32; 14:6; 18:37**).
- How important is knowing the truth of who Jesus is and what he came to accomplish for all mankind?

PRAY:

To know the truth is to know Jesus. Pray that you will pursue truth in every area of your life this week, knowing that there is absolute freedom from sin and the power of sin only through Jesus.

RESPOND:

Continue to develop a biblical worldview and demonstrate that you are a true disciple by seeking the absolute truth of God in creation, the Bible and in Jesus.