

Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 9, 2010

John 18:38

Quick Review: In the dialogue between Jesus Christ and Pontius Pilate, Pilate asks Jesus, “what is truth?” John 18:37-38 are the most profound Scriptures in the entire Bible because they clarify to everyone in the world what truth is and how one can know, understand and personally acquire genuine truth.

My Story

- Right now, in 2010, our American culture is attempting to push God out of everything. What about your realm of influence, what’s their view of God and truth?
- Growing up in your home environment did your parents teach you to believe in a central divine “Truth,” or did they teach you that a person must discover and establish their “own” truth? What influences shaped your worldview?
- In the world we’re living in today the prevalent teaching is that “truth” is relative to each individual, there is “no” absolute truth. Does your personal worldview align with the Bible or does it contrast with the Bible? Explain.

Growing Deeper

- Pastor Matthew said that a Biblical worldview defines truth as “the defining reality beyond what we perceive; the reality that defines everything.” What did Pastor Matthew mean by that definition?
- According to Scripture, Jesus (God) is the personification of TRUTH (John 14:6; 18:37). Is the Bible’s declaration of truth relative to some or absolute to all? (READ and interpret Matt. 24:35; John 1:1; 14:6; 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:20-21). Discuss your findings.
- Jesus stated in John 18:37 that the purpose He came into the world was “To bear witness to the truth,” and “everyone who is of the truth hears His voice.” Does this statement mean that those who know Jesus Christ as Savior have truth and those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior do not have truth? Explain and defend your position with Scripture.
- Is the truth that the world embraces, dependable? Eternal? Consistent? Absolute? Why or Why not? Is God’s definition of truth dependable? Eternal? Consistent? Absolute? Why or why not?
- The Biblical word “Truth” in John 18:37 is the Greek word *Aletheia*: “authenticity (genuine), consistent, moral divine reality.” Is the Biblical word, *Aletheia*, in complete contrast of the worlds understanding of truth? Explain.