

Lost in Translation
Week 2 - Truth
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John 18:37-38 (NIV) -

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

"What is truth?"

Truth today:

- Your truth is your truth, my truth is my truth
- What is right for you is right for you until what is right for you interferes with what is right for me
- Just follow your heart
- Subjective and opinion driven

Today it is acceptable to say **"this is true"** as long as it isn't followed up with
"therefore that is wrong"

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (NLT)

Relativism: All truth is relative and that there is no such thing as absolute truth.

Skepticism: Simply doubts all truth

Postmodernism: A philosophical movement that does not deny the existence of objective truth, but it denies that we can ever know it for sure.

Logical positivism: Absolute truth exists, but only in the area of science and not in matters of faith and religion.

Pluralism: Says that all truth claims are equally valid.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)

Just because something seems right doesn't make it true.

Just because you believe something doesn't make it true

Why has it become this way?

Romans 1:18-25 (NIV)

What is truth?

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

Truth is not a belief. Truth is a person.

We find that truth in the word of God we call the Bible. God has revealed who He is through the words the Holy Spirit who inspired people to write down, so we can know God personally and intimately.

John 17:17 (NLT) - *Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.*

Why is truth important?

Romans 2:6-9 (NLT) - *He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.*

What do we do about it?

1) We need to know The Truth

John 8:31-32 (NLT)

2) We need to live The Truth

Formal truth is what I believe to be true or good or right.
Functional truth is how I actually live it out.

Matthew 5:16

3) We need to speak The Truth

What is your position, what are you preaching, what are you practicing, and what is your posture? (don't let your method speak louder than your message)
How we live out the truth with non-believers is different than believers.

Ephesians 4:15a (NLT); 2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NKJV)

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