

April 12, 2015

“What’s True?”

John 8:31-36

Sermon Series: “Questions Our Youth Are Asking”

“Tweaking” The Sermon Format:

1. Question Of The Day Announced
2. Small group conversation
3. Scripture Reading
4. Message
5. Q & A (778.895.6837)

Question(s) Of The Day: What is truth?; How do we know the truth?

Small Group Discussion: Mull It Over

“Don’t believe Christianity because it’s exciting or practical or relevant—rather, believe it because it’s true.” (Tim Keller)

Is There Truth?—3 Options: There is truth; There is no truth; There is truth but we cannot find truth

Different Kinds Of “Truth Claims”:

1. Purely Personal Opinion
2. Personal Opinion (Asking For A Response)
3. Truth For All (Morality, Ethics)
4. Truth For All (Ultimate Claim)

Four Criteria For Evaluating Truth Claims:

1. What's your "truth authority"?
2. Does the claim make sense of reality?
3. Is the truth claim rooted in love?
4. Does the truth claim lead to an ultimate good?

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1. What is the truth authority"? What is the truth authority for the Christian?

- Truth is not about "what" but "who."
- Jesus came "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14, 17)
- "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

2. Does it make sense of reality?

- "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34)

3. Is it rooted in love?

- "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).
- "...speaking the truth in love..." (Ephesians 4:17)

4. Does the truth claim leading to an ultimate good?

- Ultimate good = "...the truth will set you free" (John 8:32, free from sin)
- What is freedom?: to live life under the proper restrictions that are in tune with who you are and what leads to full life.
- Example: healthy weight

Example Of A Christian Truth Claim..."Jesus Christ rose from the dead"

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