

LESSON 1: VERITOLOGY -- What Is Truth?

STUDY GUIDE

1. There is a close link between the issue of salvation and the issue of _____.
2. Every sin can be fundamentally traced to the belief in a _____.
3. When we look at those who stand opposed to God's truth, we view them as _____.
4. The most important question any human being can ask is
" _____ " _____ " _____
5. Truth is defined as that which corresponds to " _____ as perceived by God.
6. He feeds on ashes, a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, "*Is not this thing in my right hand a* " _____ — **Isaiah 44:20**
7. We trade in the majesty of God to worship a
" _____ " _____ or a totem pole or a lizard.
8. Our actions reflect what we believe to be
" _____ " _____
9. Truth is fundamentally about
" _____ " _____ " _____
10. Behind every truth claim of God is the very " _____ and
" _____ and " _____ of God.

TRUTH 1: Why Jesus Came: Jesus said that He had entered the world "to testify to the truth." (John 18:37)

1. What did Jesus mean by this? Why is it important?
2. How does Jesus statement relate to the other aspects of His mission? What does truth have to do with your salvation?

TRUTH 2: World at War: A cosmic battle rages between the truth claims of God and the illusions of the world, the flesh and Satan.

1. Identify some of the illusions about life that our culture tries to pass off as truth.
2. What does the world say about the nature of man or about our purpose for existence?
3. How does our society say we can find happiness?
4. What happens when our fallen inner nature leads us to ignore a truth claim of god and instead believes a lie?
5. Pinpoint some illusions that have been the most deceptive or harmful in your life.
6. How do you feel about living in the midst of a war?
7. Do you see yourself as a soldier? Why or why not?
8. How should we relate to people who do not know the truth in Jesus Christ?
9. If they are not our enemies, what are they?

TRUTH 3: Truth = What Is

1. What do people mean when they refer to “my truth” or “your truth?”
2. How should we respond to them?
3. What is insanity?
4. Have you ever been insane? Explain.
5. In what sense is the world becoming more insane?
6. Do you believe that what you believe is real?
7. What assumption lies behind this question?
8. What is the clearest indicator of your core beliefs?
9. What does faith mean?

10. Explain the difference between “faith in faith” and faith in the truth claims of God?

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

Isaiah 44:17-20

John 4:24 ; 8:32; 14:6; 16-17; 16:13; 17:17; 18:33-38

Romans 1:18,25

Ephesians 6:14

2 Thessalonians 2:9-13

1 Timothy 2:3-4

2 Timothy 2:24-26; 4:3-4

1 John 4:6