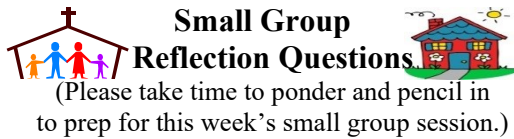


Message Outline

Last Word on 2022 Word:

TRUTH

John 17:17



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Intro: Next week, banner raising week!!!

- This week, a look back at the 2022 Word... TRUTH.
- TRUTH practices in 2022...
- Christians believe in TRUTH...
 - TRUTH under attack...
 - Pop culture quotes on TRUTH...
- How do we discover transcendent, timeless, universal TRUTH???

Tracking TRUTH in 2022

1) TRUTH as a P _____

- John 1:14, 14:6, 15:26, 16:13-14
- TRUTH rooted in a Divine Being...
- We discover TRUTH in relationship with the One who is TRUTH (Jn.14:6)...
- (illus) A story of an avocado...

2) TRUTH as a P _____

- Jn.17:17, 8:31-32, Ps.119:43, 160, 2Tim.2:15, Eph.1:13, Jms.1:18
- TRUTH connected to God's Word...
- Why is the Bible a credible source?
 - a) It's C _____
 - b) It's C _____
 - c) It's C _____

*Somethings different about this Book!

3) TRUTH as P _____

- Real TRUTH is timeless...connected to a timeless God:
- "If it's new, it must not be true."
- John 17:1-5
- Questions to ponder to point us to TRUTH:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
- Focusing on history/glory rather than appetites helps us uncover truth (Gen.3:6).

Small Group

Reflection Questions

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Small Group Script

**Purpose: To grow in our faith and our friendship.*

**Rules to live by:*

- 1) *Contribution*
- 2) *Confidentiality*
- 3) *Culture of honesty/speaking the truth in love*

Opening Auditions

**Take time to play the game "high/low" covering anything that happened to you since last we met in November...*

- 1) *Go around your group and act out (preferably ☺) or discuss (boring!) your "high" point thru the holidays...*
- 2) *Go around your group and act out (preferably ☺) or discuss (boring again!) your "low" point thru the holidays...*

Lights, Camera, Action: Marquee Moment...

**We are going to review The Chosen season 1 by acting out in groups of 3-4 people the following scenes/characters...*

- 1) *The shepherds in the Christmas story...*
- 2) *Mary Magdalene's calling by Jesus...*
- 3) *Peter's surprising catch of fish...*
- 4) *Jesus at the water-to-wine wedding...*
- 5) *Jesus calling Matthew the tax collector...*
- 6) *Three different Nicodemus cameo's talking with a) his wife, b) John the Baptist, and c) Jesus...*

The Moment of Truth

Read: Hebrews 10:22-25

**On January 1, the sermon was on this passage.*

How are you doing with the 3 "let us's"?

- 1) *Let us draw near to God.*
- 2) *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.*
- 3) *Let us consider and stir up...*