

ETERNAL TRUTH

In a world full of conflicting stories... which one is true?

Our culture often suggests that truth is personal and varies from one individual to another, but embracing that idea blurs our understanding of what truth actually is. If anything can be true, we can have no understanding of right and wrong, or good and evil. If anything can be true, then nothing is true. Our existence would have no story, no purpose, and no future. Without truth to guide us, our lives would turn into chaos, twisted by lies and misunderstanding.

God is the author of truth. To know the truth, we must know our God. We must know His story, His work, and how our lives fit into His purposes for now and eternity. His Truth is the only Eternal Truth, and this Truth became fresh in Jesus. In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Because of this truth, we can live with meaning, purpose, and hope in the midst of a chaotic and often confused world.

DAY ONE: TRUTH ESTABLISHED

God is revealed as the sovereign Creator and Author of truth who defines what is good and true in Genesis 1. We see truth distorted by deception, as Adam and Eve disobey God's Word and experience the consequences of sin in Genesis 3. What was once perfect became broken, and we live with this brokenness today. While truth may be undermined by the enemy, it is firmly established by God from the beginning and remains the foundation for people to know their identity and find their faith in Christ.

BACKGROUND PASSAGES: Genesis 1 and 3

FOCAL PASSAGES: Colossians 1:16, Romans 3:23, John 3:16-18

KEY VERSE: Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Psalm 30:5

LIFE QUESTIONS: How does my life reflect God's truth? Where have I allowed God's truth to be questioned, distorted, or replaced?

DAY TWO: TRUTH CHALLENGED

God's truth is publicly challenged in 1 Kings 18 as Elijah confronts a wavering nation whose false prophets cry out to Baal, a powerless idol. The one true God answers with fire, revealing that His truth cannot be manufactured or manipulated. The showdown makes clear that when God's truth is contested, He alone has the power to reveal Himself as the living and sovereign Lord. Today, false prophets and false messages are prevalent. We must know God and His truth so we are not misled.

BACKGROUND PASSAGES: 1 Kings 18

FOCAL PASSAGES: Matthew 7:15-20, John 3:19-21, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 4:1-4

KEY VERSE: For wicked and deceitful mouths open against me; they speak against me with lying tongues. Psalm 109:2

LIFE QUESTIONS: What voices or influences compete with God's authority in my heart? When God's truth seems challenged, do I stand firmly or blend into the crowd?

DAY THREE: TRUTH REVEALED

God's truth is fully revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the living Word and the visible image of the invisible God, and who was the fulfillment of many prophecies. Through His earthly ministry, Jesus embodied truth in both word and deed. In His death and resurrection, He confirmed the truth of God's redemptive plan, conquering sin and death and offering eternal life to all who believe. Upon Jesus' return to the Father, the Holy Spirit was given to all believers as the indwelling presence of God, providing teaching, conviction, and guidance to the truth.

BACKGROUND PASSAGES: Luke 2, Matthew 27-28, Acts 2

FOCAL PASSAGES: John 1:1-5, Matthew 21:12-13, Matthew 23:1-6, Matthew 25:35-46, John 14:25-26

KEY VERSE: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me on level ground. Psalm 143:10

LIFE QUESTIONS: How does knowing God's truth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit shape my identity and daily decisions? What would change in my life if I fully believed that Jesus is Lord?

DAY FOUR: TRUTH ADORED

The early church adored the truth of God by boldly proclaiming that Jesus was God's Son who died on the cross and arose from the grave. This truth, the gospel, became the foundation of their faith and hope. Upon persecution, the members of this group scattered, spreading the gospel to further parts of the world. Paul, one of the greatest missionaries ever, carried this truth across cultures and continents, enduring hardship so that the gospel would be known and adored among the nations. Today, as believers, we are to continue to treasure and proclaim that same unchanging truth to a broken world in need of a Savior.

BACKGROUND PASSAGES: Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 8:1-4, Acts 13-28

FOCAL PASSAGES: John 17:17-18, Romans 1:16, 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 John 3:18-24

KEY VERSE: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. Psalm 105:1

LIFE QUESTIONS: How does your life reflect an adoration of God's truth? How can you prepare yourself to proclaim and share the gospel message right where you are?

AFTER CAMP STUDY: TRUTH UNRIVALED

God's truth assures us that life is not random but purposeful and moving toward the promised return of Jesus Christ. At His return, God will restore creation and will make all things new—establishing a new heaven and new earth where righteousness prevails and God is living with His people again. In that restored kingdom, death, sorrow, and sin will be no more, and the victory secured through the resurrection will be complete forever. Today, we can face life given this ultimate hope.

BACKGROUND PASSAGES: Revelation 21-23

FOCAL PASSAGES: Luke 21:25-28, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, Philippians 1:23-30, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 1:7-8

KEY VERSE: The Lord reigns forever; Zion, your God reigns for all generations. Hallelujah! Psalm 146:10

LIFE QUESTIONS: How does the promise of Christ's return shape the way I view today's struggles? In what ways does the hope of His return motivate holiness and faithfulness in my life?