

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

When in Doubt

Week 2: Doubting We Can Know the Truth **Week of April 11, 2021**
John 18:37-38 **(Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)**

Is truth real? Is it accessible? Truth is under attack, and relativism is growing. Does God exist? Is Heaven real? These are significant questions and there must be a real answer to them. Are you willing to keep seeking the truth God wants you to know?

Kicking it off: True or False: Lou Malnati's is the world's greatest pizza. Discuss your opinions and share what you think is the best pizza — and why.

Discussion:

1. What are some Easter traditions in your family (both as a kid and now)? Have you ever been part of an Easter Egg hunt that didn't go so well? If so, let your group know what went wrong.
2. When you hear the term, "absolute truth," what comes to mind? What do you think it means? (In other words, do you think absolute truth even exists, and if so, how did you reach that conclusion?)
3. In *John 8:31b-32*, Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." What are some reasons why the truth matters so much to God?
4. Read *John 18:37b-38a* where Jesus speaks to the Roman Governor, Pilate, on the night before he was crucified.

How does Pilate's response resonate with you? What are some things that pull each of us away from pursuing truth?

"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. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

5. Thinking about your own life, who are some people you've known who are "on the side of truth" — and helping you (and others) to discover it?
6. When you look at the world, what do you notice that helps you see God's order and creation? What are some ways God's beauty and creation point you to the truth?

Wrapping It Up: Read *2 Thessalonians 2:13-15*, and pray for one another to keep seeking truth, both in the world and as you read God's Word.

¹³But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.