

Discussion Questions Truth (and the Music In Hell) Ephesians 6:10-20

(Are there any consistencies in your life that bring you comfort and are a bedrock for you?)

- Do you believe there is such a thing as absolute truth?
- In your mind and heart what makes something true? How do you know when something is true?
- What is most true for you?
- How do you define truth?
- When you read in Scripture, “gird your loins with truth,” or “put on the belt of truth,” what has that meant to you in the past?
- What does it mean to you now?

Peter postulates we are not yet finished:

“God speaks a Word and creation happens. God speaks and what He speaks happens...except perhaps on the sixth day. God says, “*Let us make man in our own image...*” and yet man is not entirely in God’s image; for evil is not God’s image. So God must still be speaking...”—P.H.

- What do you think? According to Scripture and your own experience, are we finished, unfinished? Both?

“We don’t judge truth. Truth judges us...Jesus said, ‘I AM the truth.’”—P.H.

- What about Jesus rings true to you? What characteristics about His personhood, His life, His interactions reveal truth to you?
- List what the characteristics of who Jesus. Who is He?
- What does that reveal to us about what or who Truth is?
- Are there things about Jesus and His lifestyle that challenge you, your ideas or understandings of truth?
- Jesus didn’t say He is a truth but *the* truth. All truth is found in Him, when Jesus offends us He must be offending something untrue in us.
- What about Jesus, what He did & the way He went about it offend you?
- What about who He is, what He did, and the way He went about it excite you?

Jesus doesn’t say, “Depart from me you’re bad.” He says, “*Depart from me I never knew you.*” The Truth doesn’t know the false so don’t try to impress Him with an act. Tell Him who you are: “I’m a sinner.” Tell Him where you’ve been. Let Him observe you and He will make you who you are. —P.H.

- What parts of you might Jesus, the Truth say, “That’s not truth, ‘depart from me I never knew you?’”

“We don’t own the truth, no one group owns the truth” The Truth—Jesus is for all.

- Is there any group or person that you struggle to share the Truth with?
- How might realizing that Jesus, the Truth, is for *all* and in *all* change the way you share about Jesus with others, look at Acts 17, how did Paul share the Truth with others?

In this sermon, Peter talked about how Einstein’s lingering question was “Is the universe (God) friendly?”

- Are there any areas where you, like Einstein, wonder, “Is God friendly?”
- Any there areas where you doubt His friendliness and you are afraid to expose your heart to Him?
- Where do you think this idea of an unfriendly God came from?
- Tell Him about it and ask Him to show you His most true self and your most true self, invite Truth to reign on the throne of your heart.

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