

The Truth Project

Lesson 1 - Veritology: What is Truth?

Introduction

What is truth? Why is it important? What role does it play in the biblical view of the world. God's purpose for the cosmos. His will for mankind. His plan of salvation, and the way we live our personal lives?

In this first tour, Dr. Del Tackett explains why every man and woman has to choose between God's truth claims and the opposing perspective of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Quote Unquote

What did they say? Fill in the blanks as you watch this presentation.

1. There is a very close link between the issue of salvation and the issue of _____. -- *Del Tackett*
2. Every sin that besets us can be traced back fundamentally to the belief in a _____. -- *Del Tackett*
3. When we look at those who stand opposed to God's truth, we view them as _____. -- *Del Tackett*
4. The question of whether truth even exists in answerable, if _____ exists. -- *John Stonestreet*
5. Truth is defined as that which corresponds to _____ perceived by God. -- *R.C. Sproul*
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. -- *R.C. Sproul*
8. Our actions reflect what we believe to be _____ _____. -- *Del Tackett*
9. Truth is fundamentally about _____ _____. -- *Os Guinness*
10. Behind every truth claim of God is the very _____ and _____ and _____ of God. -- *Del Tackett*

Truth 2 - World at War

A cosmic battle rages between the truth claims of God and the illusions of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

1. Identify some of the illusions about life that our culture tries to pass off as truth. What, for example, does the world say about the nature of man, or about our purpose for existence? How does our society say we can find happiness?

2. What happens when our fallen inner nature leads us to ignore a truth claim of God and instead believe in a lie? Pinpoint some illusions that have been the most deceptive or harmful in your own life.

3. How do you feel about living in the midst of a war? Do you see yourself as a soldier? Why or why not?

4. How should we relate to people who do not know the truth in Jesus Christ? If they are not our enemies, what are they?

Truth 3 - Truth = What Is

Truth is that which conforms to fact or reality.

1. What do people mean when they refer to "my truth" or "your truth"? How should we respond to them?

2. What is insanity? Have you ever been "insane"? Explain. In what sense is this world becoming more insane?

3. Do you really believe that what you believe is really real? What assumption lies behind this question? What is the clearest indicator of your core beliefs?

4. What does faith mean? Explain the difference between "faith in faith" and faith in the truth claims of God.

Wrap Up

In almost every area of life, the perspective of contemporary culture stands in direct opposition to the worldview presented in the Bible. Hence our culture is not only filled with lies but it is also heading in the direction of social insanity.

The question that Pilate asked — "What is truth?" — is the most important issue facing our society today. Every one of us must examine our response to this challenge: "Do you *really* believe that what you believe is really real?"

What Is What?

Here's an exercise to try on your own. Draw a line from each term in the first column to its definition in the second column. Terms are taken from the lecture.

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| 1. antithesis | a. battle between God's truth and the lies of the world |
| 2. veritology | b. false source of salvation, sustenance, or power |
| 3. cosmic battle | c. comprehensive set of truth claims |
| 4. pathology | d. losing touch with reality; believing a lie is real |
| 5. idol | e. complete or exact opposite of something |
| 6. Jewels in the Cave | f. specific topics or truth claims of particular interest |
| 7. pernicious lie | g. departure or deviation from the true design |
| 8. insanity | h. man is basically good |
| 9. spheres | i. social institutions that we live and interact with |
| 10. worldview | j. study of truth, particularly of God's character |

Check It Out

For your reference and further review, here are some of the key Scripture passages that were mentioned in the video you just watched.

Isaiah 44:17-20

2 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Romans 1:18,25

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

Ephesians 6:14

1 John 4:6