

## **Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: Love Rejoices with the Truth**

Read John 18:37-38

What is truth? Do you think truth is under attack in our culture? Give examples of your experience with relativism.

When Jesus explains truth to the Pharisees he gives them 3 important truths about truth

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Three truths about truth

1. There is absolute truth and it is attainable

Read Romans 1:18-22 - Why does it mention that people are without excuse?

God has given an internal witness and an external witness of his power and presence.

Give evidence of his internal and external witness.

Name some absolute truths found in the Word of God.

2. Suppression of truth leads to bondage

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The Jews were held in bondage by empty religion that was not a true reflection of God. How can we ensure that our religion is not held in bondage to empty ritual or pursuits?

The Jews were also held in bondage by the false life they were living. They held a view of themselves that was self-righteous and fake. How can we ensure that our lives and not self-righteous and fake?

3. Accepting truth will set you free

1. Concerning God

2. Concerning you

3. Concerning His Word

To live in joy what truth do you need to accept about God? What truth do you need to accept about yourself? What truth do you need to accept about His Word?

Living in honesty is freedom. What do you need to confess to God, to your spouse, to your friends, to your family? Be set free from the bondage of falsehood and evil and be set free by honestly coming to God.