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bigIdea small group discussion



Why does truth matter? If you believe one thing, and I believe another, who really cares? Does it matter? This week, we'll look at why truth trumps sincerity. We'll look at what can happen if you're sincere in your beliefs, but you're also sincerely wrong.

BIG IDEA: You can be sincere, but you can be sincerely wrong.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the message, Chris shared some of the things he (and others) sincerely believed that were, in the end, wrong. Can you relate? What are some of the things (humorous or not) that you once sincerely believed that turned out to be wrong?
2. Spend some time summarizing prevailing attitudes your friends have about God and faith. What do those inside and outside the faith believe about faith? Do you agree with them? Why or why not?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read through John 14:1-7.* What parts of Jesus teaching indicate that there is a particular way or path to get into heaven (look particularly at verses 4 and 6)? How is Jesus' understanding of salvation different from what some of your friends believe?
4. Discuss this: what would happen if you staked your life on a belief that was, simply, wrong?
5. After hearing this week's message, do you agree that facts and truth operate independently of our beliefs? How might this impact your faith and life?



GOING DEEPER

1. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 2 Samuel 6:1-8.* How and why is the Ark of the Covenant being moved now? Why a 'new cart'? (see 1 Samuel 6:7-8)
2. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Exodus 25:14.* How did God tell the Israelites to move the Ark of the Covenant? And by whom? (1 Chronicles 15:13-15, Numbers 4:15)
3. What was Uzzah's intentions? What was he trying to prevent from happen? Do you feel his intentions were good? If so, why did God do what He did?
4. Even though Uzzah's intentions were good, how is Uzzah's act irreverent? What does such burning anger reveal about God's holiness?
5. Who was at fault for Uzzah's death? Uzzah? God? David?
6. Upon being given this deadly Ark, how do you think Obed-Edom felt? Where else, in your opinion, could David have placed it?
7. Three months later, how cautious was David in moving the Ark? How did David show respect and reverence for God?



MOVING FORWARD

This week, review some of your sincerely held beliefs about faith. At the services, we handed out a short document called “What we Believe”. Take a few minutes to review the statement and examine what you agree with or what you might not agree with.

Want more? Here's some suggested research if you want to go deeper about why many people believe truth matters and what many Christians consider to be true. Visit www.leestrobels.com or pick up a copy of Tim Keller’s [Reason for God](#).



CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”
John 14:7 (NLT)