

**MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**ICEBREAKER****ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE?**

Which of these is an absolute truth or a relative truth? [Heaven/Hell; Coke/Pepsi; Jesus/Mohammad; Sweet/Sour; Watch/Play; Repentance/Reincarnation; Inside/Outside; Cat/Dog; Christmas/Halloween; Jesus/Higher Power; Insta/Snap; Call/Text; Taco Bell/McDonalds; Passenger/Driver; Bible/Other books of Wisdom; Early bird/Night owl, etc.]

**OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: TRUTH | RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**

In the Bible, we read belief in Jesus is the only way to have salvation for our sins. But then when we look at the world we realize that there are many other worldviews with many different religions. This then rationally begs many questions:

- How do we know the Bible is true?
- Don't all religions have the same goal- to be a better person and when we die, they all lead to the same place?
- Isn't Christianity and Jesus judgmental in saying all other religions are false?
- How is Jesus loving and compassionate like Christians say if it Christianity is so judgmental?

But everyone of these questions is trying to make an absolute truth a relative truth. The question to really ask is how do we share this absolute truth in love to people who will be judged for all time for their sin if they do not believe in Jesus as savior for their sins?

**DISCUSSION****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?**

- **TOPIC:**
  - **RECAP:** What is the difference between absolute truth and relative truth is? **Have students explain & give examples of each before you define**
    - **"Absolute truth"** - Something that is true for all people, in all places, at all times.
    - **"Relative Truth"** - Truth is determined by a person's culture, social group, or personal perspective.
  - Read the questions in the overview above. What

**GENERAL**

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?
- What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
- What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
- What questions did you have from the reading?
- What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?

is the problem with them? **These questions are trying to make an absolute truth a relative truth**

• **APPLICATION:**

- Do you believe in any of these questions? Or have other questions/doubts like them about God, salvation and the Bible?
- In your own words, who is Jesus? What support do we see in Scripture regarding Jesus as the only way to Heaven? Can someone have “a faith” without Jesus that leads to Heaven?
- Based on 1 Corinthians 5 from the reading this week what are you supposed to do to when
  - Another believer is living in sin?
  - A lost person does not believe in Jesus?
- Explain how you would share the truth of the Bible in a loving way to someone who believed all religions lead to the same place?

**HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?**

• **TOPIC:**

- How do you struggle with doubts and questions that the Bible is truth and Jesus is the one and only way to receive salvation for your sins?
- Have you ever called someone out in their sin that was not a believer? If Jesus was there instead of you, how would he have done it? Can you give an example of Jesus calling out someone in their sin? **John 4, John 8:1-11, Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 9:9-13**
- Have you ever felt convicted to call another believer out in their sin and just remained silent? Why? How would Jesus have done it? Why would he do it?

**GENERAL**

- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why? What can you change?

**HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?**

• **TOPIC:**

- As a friend to believers, how are you helping or hindering the walk of people around you?
- As a friend to non-believers, are you living in a way that draws them to Jesus?
- Without mentioning a name, do you know anyone who thinks they are a “christian” or going to heaven, who's eternity you're uncertain of? What have you done about it? What can you do?
- Without mentioning a name, do you know someone who is a believer who is living in sin right now? What have you done about it? What can you do?

**GENERAL**

- What specifically could you have done differently this week to share God's hope with someone this week?
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to love others or ways to live more fully for the Lord, why do you think that is? What will you change?
- How did you encourage, teach or challenge another believer in their faith this week?



**CHALLENGE**

- Watch tomorrow's VLOG
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Pray for someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus and for an opportunity to share Jesus with them.
- Pray for time to talk to a person in your life who knows Jesus who's sin has been tolerated too long.
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL | FLESH | OTHERS**



**TOPIC OVERVIEW**

Week 1: E.G.A. - Truth: Relative vs. Absolute

Week 2: E.G.A. - Truth: Religions & Tolerance

Week 3: E.G.A. - Meaning: Life Choices

Week 4: E.G.A. - Identity: Gender Roles

Week 5: E.G.A. - Morality: Body is temple

Week 6: E.G.A. - Morality: Stumbling Block

Week 7: E.G.A. - Relationships: Sexuality, timing, purpose

Week 8: E.G.A. - Relationships: How far is too far?