

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****THIS OR THAT?**

Which do you like better and why? [Coke/Pepsi; Beach/Mountains; Sweet/Sour; Watch/Play; Inside/Outside; Cat/Dog; Christmas/Halloween; Insta/Snap; Call/Text; Taco Bell/McDonalds; Passenger/Driver; Early bird/Night owl, etc.]

**OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: TRUTH | ABSOLUTE VS RELATIVE TRUTH**

In the Bible we read belief in Jesus is the only way to have salvation for our sins. However, many people believe that while that may be true for you it is not true for them. This begs the question, are there any truths that exist that transcend time and culture? Things that are true for all mankind for all time? And if so, what are they? Or can we even know if something is true at all or do we just have to have faith and hope we are right?

**DISCUSSION****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?****• TOPIC:**

- Define "Truth" **Indisputable Fact**
- What do you think 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.
 - There is one God, God's moral right & wrong, For all have sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard, The wages of sin is death, Jesus is the only way to salvation, we must confess with our life for salvation. Identity-(In God's image, with defined gender/roles)
 - **"Relative Truth"** - Truth is determined by a person's culture, social group, or personal perspective.
 - Coke or Pepsi, Watching rated R movies, tattoos/piercings, Non-Christian music

• APPLICATION:

- Do you believe humans or God determine truth? Why? Are there any truths in the Bible that you disagree with or that you don't see the need to live by?
- How does believing God determines truth affect the way you live? Are there any ways you aren't living

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?

- according to Biblical truth? What are they and why?
- Would you consider yourself a Christ follower? What does that look like if you read something in the word of God that you disagree with?
- Have you ever read something in the Bible and disagreed with it? What was your response? Why?
- Did you ever come to the point that you agreed with the Word of God or do you still disagree?
- If a truth is relative (the Bible is not absolute on it as right or wrong), how do you determine what the appropriate action is for you? How can it be different for you than it is for someone else?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- **TOPIC:**
 - If you don't believe in biblical absolute truth for certain things like sin & salvation
 - Why not?
 - Where do you get your truth from?
 - When you are tempted to live in a way that contradicts scripture, what are some things you should do to make sure you're not diving into sin with your choice?
 - If you're already living in sin because you've made an absolute truth relative, what can you do? Why does rectifying this matter?

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?
 - Right now, are you living hypocritically, or in violation of Biblical truth while proclaiming to follow Christ? In what ways?

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
- Memorize a verse or passage that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through
- Meditate, pray, journal about what you read
- Write down questions you have about what it means to be human and God-given purpose.
- 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?