



Title: THE JESUS WE NEED—THE TRUTH

Main Scripture: Mark 15:1-15

The Truth ...

Amazes us. (vv 2-5)
(Is 53:7)

Demands a response.
(Mat 27:22, 24, 12:30, 10:32)

Sets us free. (vv 6-11, 15)
(Jn 8:32, 36)

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 15:1-15

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Prayer: *Father, we thank You for who You are. May we be renewed and transformed through the study of Your word. Holy Spirit, lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Icebreaker: Bill opens up his message with an example from his childhood of long roads trips with his family, and the infamous, “Are we there yet?” questions every kid asks. Share your best road trip memory with each other, and make sure to mention if this question made its way into the drive!

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message? What really hit home for you?
2. Bill outlines the two kinds of truth as being absolute truth and relative truth. Absolute truth never changes, whereas relative truth can change depending on certain factors. When you approach truth, are you more prone to align with truth being absolute or relative? Why do you land where you do?
3. In John 14:6 we read, “*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.*” By speaking this plainly Jesus is declaring Himself to be the truth that everyone needs. Only in and through Him can people have a relationship with God. Do you believe this to be true of Jesus? Take some time to share your perspective with the group.
4. Bill points out that the truth *amazes us, demands a response and sets us free.* Take some time to think about these three things and share with your group:
 - a. *How have you been amazed by Jesus? Share a time in your life where the presence of Jesus has amazed and astonished you.*
 - b. *Bill states that we must decide daily what we will do with Jesus. Pilate tried to sit on the fence and be neutral, but even that was a choice. Share with your group a time when choosing Jesus was costly, but worth it.*
 - c. *The Bible mentions in a number of places that knowing the truth will set us free. Bill emphasizes that this isn't just a general truth, but rather, knowing Jesus Himself as the truth. Share with each other a way that you have experienced the freedom only God can provide through knowing Jesus. In what ways has He set you free?*
5. As you consider this, *the Jesus we need is the Truth,* spend some time reflecting on this truth, and ask Jesus for a fuller understanding of who He is, and a deeper hunger to know Him more.

Prayer: *Close in prayer together, praying for yourself and for one another, according to whatever God has shown or spoken to you today.*