



This week's sermon

Only One Boss

Mark 11:27-33

1. All authority is from God (and is really about obedience or rebellion).
2. Speaking truth requires courage and humility. (The Chief priests supply us with an important lesson of life: fear and pride cause people to deny the truth.)
3. Jesus is the Only Boss.

Digging Deeper Into the Message

“In the pursuit of truth, intent is prior to content, or to the availability of it. The love of truth and the willingness to submit to its demands is the first step.” - Ravi Zacharias, Embodied Truth, <https://www.rzim.org/read/a-slice-of-infinity/embodied-truth>

Read John 18: 33-38 and the article linked above.

Ravi Zacharias explains that Jesus was “opening up Pilate's heart to himself, to reveal to Pilate his unwillingness to deal with the implications of Jesus's answer.” As you think about truth as it is revealed in God’s word, search your heart to determine if you are willing to submit to the implication of being accountable to His truth.

How does Jesus describe his relationship to truth?

What do you think Jesus meant by, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”? Look up John 8:31-36 and write in your own words what happens as we know the Truth.

Read Ephesians 4 and note the absolute truth claims made in verses 4-6 as you read.

How does this chapter describe what happens when we walk in love and speak truth?

Verses 21-32 describe some ways that we change as the truth sets us free. List these, and reflect on how God has been changing you as you walk with Him.

Community Group

Icebreaker: What is your favorite meal to prepare and why?

Discussion Questions:

Read the sermon text, Mark 11:27-33. What impressed you from the sermon?

Read the first MAP point. What are your thoughts about this statement?

What outcomes do you see in the battle between obedience or rebellion (either in your own life or going on around you).

Discuss some ways to trust God more and live in more obedience to His authority.

Read the second point. In what ways do you see love and trust overcoming fear and pride around you?

Relative truth (what’s true for you may not be true for me) seems to be prevalent. What are your thoughts about the importance of absolute truth?

What are some things to say to someone who doesn’t believe that we can know if truth exists?

Read the last MAP point. How does this statement fit with what you just discussed about truth?

Tell about a good boss you had, what made them good to work for? How can you relate this to the last MAP point?

Application: Read the article linked in the Digging Deeper section and start a conversation about truth with someone this week.