

Think Ahead—

What is truth?

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. ...

1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. ²After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

John 3:1-2 NLT

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” ⁴“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” ⁵Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.”

John 3:3-5 NLT

“How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked. John 3:9 NLT

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John 3:16 NIV

The difference between knowing the truth

and believing in truth has eternal implications.

3 Truths You Must Discover

1. Identity: Who are you becoming?

**What you believe determines who you are
and who you become.**

... “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” John 3:3 NLT

If you want to change what you see, change what you say.

**Any declaration not based on the truth of God’s Word will still
leave you empty.**

2. Community: Where are you belonging?

Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. ⁵¹“Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?” he asked. ⁵²They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself—no prophet ever comes from Galilee!” John 7:50-52 NLT

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces. Proverbs 13:20 MSG

3. Eternity: What master are you serving?

What you chase after defines your master.

With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. John 19:39 NLT

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **John 8:32**. What is the “truth” that this verse is talking about? What are some ways you could seek this truth more intentionally?

Talk about some of your closest friends. How are these individuals influencing your walk with Jesus?

Money, fame, and popularity are common things people chase after. Share some things in your life that you are tempted to follow that distract you from God. What steps can you take to ensure Jesus is at the center of your life?