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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

7-12-23 WED	Leadership TEAM Meeting	5:30 p.m.
7-15-23 SAT	Women's Bible Study at Church	10 a.m.
7-21-23 FRI	MOVIE NIGHT	5:30-7:30 p.m.
8-7 thru 8-11 Mon - Fri	Vacation Bible School	Daily 9 a.m. - Noon

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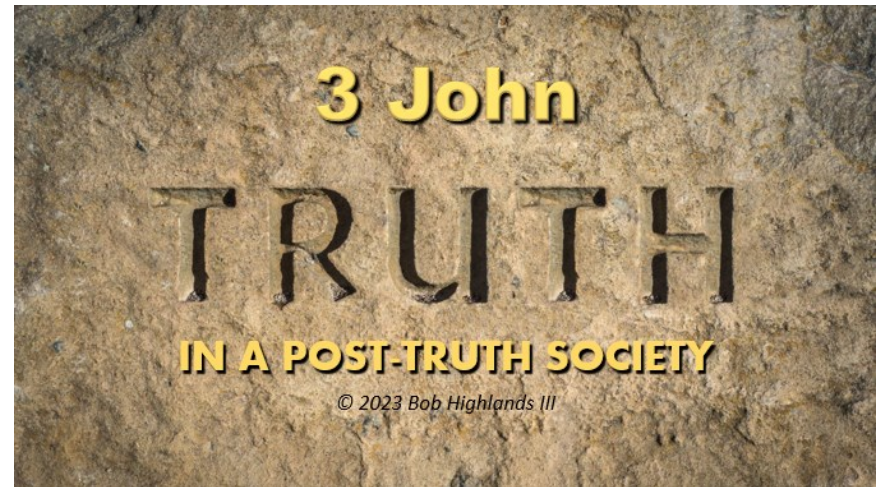
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3rd John

TRUTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

- ♦ GAIUS: His was a life with _____
 1. He had a healthy _____. One that was prosperous spiritually.
 2. His life was based on _____. His life was consistent because of this.
 3. He focused on _____. His life mission was doing God's will.
- ♦ DIOTREPHES: His was a life of self-centered evil.
 1. He wanted _____ without **RESPONSIBILITY**.
 2. He rejected Godly _____ with **SLANDEROUS** words.
 3. He refused _____ believers while **DISAVOWING** Christian members.
- ♦ **WARNING:** Do Not _____ Evil But _____ Good!

- ♦ **DEMETRIUS:** His was a life that _____
_____ in ministry.
 1. He is a man of _____. (Those so **SOLID** _____ **VALUES** all believers need.)
 2. He is a man with a strong spiritual personal _____.
 3. He is a man that you can _____ your life after.



JESUS & TRUTH

- ♦ **Truth** _____ **Jesus up:** John 1.14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ♦ **Truth** _____ **from Jesus:** John 1.17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
- ♦ **Jesus** _____ **what is truth:** John 14.6 “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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WEEK TEN questions for further study.

- ♦ **Monday**
 - ◇ How would you define truth to someone who was not a Christian?
- ♦ **Tuesday**
 - ◇ How does the world define truth? How is this different than how believers define truth?
- ♦ **Wednesday**
 - ◇ Pastor Bob spoke of truth as a CORE VALUE. How does truth change all other values?
- ♦ **Thursday**
 - ◇ How does Biblical truth change the way that believers relates to each other? To the world?
- ♦ **Friday**
 - ◇ Choose one other value and share how truth is needed to make it part of the Christian life. Tell how without truth this value can be misunderstood or misused.

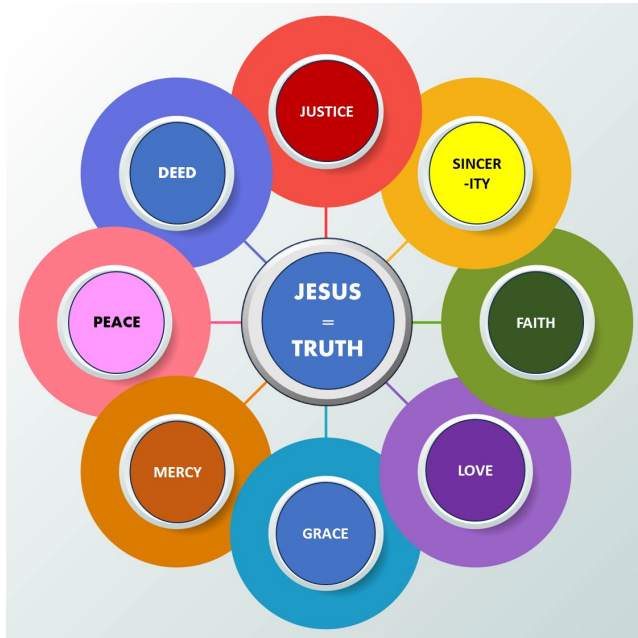
Bonus question DIGGING DEEPER

This week a Christian website designer won a major case in the Supreme Court. She challenged the state's public accommodations law, claiming that by requiring her to serve everyone equally, the state was unconstitutionally enlisting her in creating a message she opposes. This case took ten years to resolve. Why do you think the state of Colorado was so set on forcing the web designer to accommodate the LGBTQ+ request? The court did not rule for religious reasons but for free speech reasons. Why is this troubling for Christians going forward in our society?

NEXT WEEK **The book of JUDE**

preserved by the Holy Spirit to serve as our foundational guide.

- ♦ _____ or scripture alone:
This battle cry of the Protestant Reformation must be revived for the believer to know truth and to live a balanced life of victory.



WHAT IS TRUTH? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- ♦ _____ is the truth.
- ♦ _____ is the written truth and is the central foundational document for the believer.
“SOLA SCRIPTURA”
- ♦ Truth is the central _____ of the Christian life.
- ♦ Any other value as the central core value and everything is out of balance lacking or _____ truth.

- ♦ Truth gives _____ to Jesus: John 18.37-38
Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?”
Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this, I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”



BELIEVERS & TRUTH

- ♦ Truth expresses what _____ is: John 4.24
“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- ♦ Truth is a _____ through the world of lies:
John 8.31-32 “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
- ♦ Truth is _____ defined: John 17.17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.”

- ♦ Truth is absolutely _____ :
Eph 4.14 ...speaking the truth in love,
- ♦ Truth comes from _____ :
2 Timothy 2.15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.



THE WORLD & TRUTH

- ♦ Truth is an _____ to the ungodly: Romans 1.18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- ♦ Truth is _____ by _____ to legitimize the actions of sinful people: Romans 1.25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

TRUTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

- ♦ Truth is a _____ force for believers: 3 John 1.1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I LOVE in _____ .
- ♦ Truth is the _____ of life for those living for Jesus: 3 John 1.4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children WALKING in the _____ .
- ♦ Truth _____ believers into service: 3 John 1.8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be FELLOW WORKERS with the _____ .
- ♦ Truth is the _____ we show to the world: 3 John 1.12 Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the _____ itself; and we add our testimony, and you know that our TESTIMONY is _____ .

WHAT IS TRUTH?

- ♦ Ephesians 6.14 _____
therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH _____ ,
- ♦ The call to _____ is needed in the church and believers now more than ever. The church is under attack and believers must choose which side of the battle they are going to be on.
- ♦ The _____ are the _____ of the individual. This was for the ancient church what we call the heart of the matter. This is like the wheel with truth in the middle. Everything radiates from this core of the soul.
- ♦ Truth is _____ . (It may need to be found or uncovered.) Jesus is the very definition of truth. His written word is the truth