

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1267: What Is Truth?

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1. Describe the scene in which Pilate questions Jesus just before Jesus' death. (John 18:33-38)
 - a. What surprised and confused Pilate when he first started questioning Jesus? (vs. 33-34)
 - b. What did Pilate do next to gain clarity? (vs. 35)
 - c. What information did Jesus give Pilate that helped Pilate get perspective? (vs. 36)
 - d. How did Pilate process Jesus' information which contradicted the Pharisees? (vs. 37)
 - e. Did Pilate act honorably on Jesus' words at this time? What was his famous question? (vs. 38)
2. What is the definition of the word translated "truth"? Explain how each of the following scriptures apply the word "truth." (See Mark 5:31-34, Acts 10:34, John 1:14, Ephesians 4:24, Galatians 2:14, John 8:32)
3. What are "situational ethics"? What is the difference between expressing a deeply held belief and demanding people hear YOUR truth? Where is the danger in declaring your truth in a discussion with someone? Give two examples of the Pharisees holding to their truth and bias despite being shown they were wrong. Why do you think this happened? How did Caiaphas inadvertently prophecy the truth? (See Matthew 22:15-22, John 11:47-53)
4. What are the definitions of "values" versus "absolute truth"? Who is the source of absolute truth? How does this give us security? How do your personal values harmonize with God's truth? (See John 17:15-19, James 1:17-18, Lamentations 3:22-26)
5. What was the result of Adam's sin? Why did God give Israel the Law? What did it show about humanity? How was King Saul an example of situational ethics? What is the only way for humanity to be in harmony with God? How was Saul of Tarsus an example of following God's truth? (See Romans 5:12-14, Galatians 3:19-24, 1 Samuel 15:21-23, John 14:6,16:13, 2 Timothy 2:14-18)
6. What did the Psalmist pray for in Psalms 25:4-7? How do we have to walk to achieve this? Explain the difference between God's truth and our personal truth.
7. Explain the details of God's truth found in Ephesians 3:3-14:
 - a. Who is the giver of these gracious gifts? What are these gifts? (vs. 3)
 - b. When did God make His master plan for all of man, but especially for sons through Jesus? (vs 4-6)
 - c. During the present time, who recognizes God's plan? How was this plan made possible? (vs. 7-9)
 - d. In the future kingdom, who will acknowledge Jesus as the head of worldwide redemption? (vs. 10)
 - e. Who were the first to be called to this privilege? (vs. 11-12)
 - f. Who has the privilege of God's influence in their lives and of a heavenly home? (vs. 13)
 - g. What is given us as a pledge of heavenly inheritance? (vs. 14)
8. Rather than our own disappointing, incomplete truths, what are the big truths God gives us to cling to? How can you reorder your values to fit better into God's truth? (See Daniel 7:13-14)