

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

a story of truth... Pilate (John 18 & 19)

Big Idea

We often have a difficult time with truth. Our culture challenges and often denies that a real objective truth exists. When Jesus Encounters Pilate, the governor cynically asked “**What is truth?**” The answer Jesus offered was himself – his own Kingship and new Kingdom that he has brought to us through his life, death, and resurrection. The Truth is not an idea, but a person – King Jesus.

Questions for Discussions

1. Two reasons that we do not like to be confronted with ‘Absolute Truth’ is because we live in a culture that loves ‘choice’ and frowns upon anyone telling us that we need to ‘change.’ What about you, what are some of the reasons that cause you to struggle with ‘Absolute Truth’? How are those ‘reasons’ impacting how you live and interact with the Truth (Jesus)?
 - **EX:** b/c our culture prefers ‘choice’ over ‘truth’, the consequence is a loss of community. When ‘choice’ is valued over ‘truth’ – sinful people make choices based upon what’s best for them. Where there is a culture of ‘distrust’, there can be no meaningful or healthy community.
2. Jesus, as the King, demands that we submit every area of our life to him – relationships, finances, work, etc – He wants to be King of all of who we are and what we do, not just part of who we are and what we do. Are you submitting to His Kingship in every aspect of your life, or are you just allowing Him to rule ‘parts’ of you? What prevents you from submitting all of you to all of Him?
3. Our lives demonstrate to those around us, and ourselves, what we actually believe more than our words often do. What is your life saying about who the King of your life is? Does your life demonstrate that you follow King Jesus or that you are the king of your life?
4. We often get discouraged about our own lives, but the truth that Jesus reveals to us is that through the life of Jesus we can become sons & daughters of God, co-heirs with Christ himself? (See [John 1:12](#)) If this is true, how would this change how we look at ourselves – meaning, how might you live knowing that you are a ‘kid of the King’?
5. The ‘Truth’ that ‘Jesus is King’ should have a profound impact on how we live – namely, we should: **follow the Truth, love the Truth (worship & obedience) and speak of the Truth with great urgency.** Its safe to say that we all need to grow in each of these areas, but of these three, pick one and think through some practical ways, or things you could do to help you grow and/or mature in that area.