

THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION

- LEADERS GUIDE -

Chapter 8: Pursue Truth

Here we go Leaders. We start off by trying to recognize that God represents TRUTH. Period. His truth is unchanging and unwavering. Whether I like it or agree with it, or even accept it - it is still truth.

Imagine you are working with a builder. You say, "That wall isn't straight." He responds, "It is MY straight." Huh? "Wait, the foundation isn't level!" He says, "That's where you are wrong, it is MY level." There's a house you are going to want to avoid.

1. In today's world we often hear the phrase, "My truth." What do you think these words mean?
2. The bottom line is that many people want to say that there are NO universal truths. Do you believe there are universal truths? Like what? (BTW, wouldn't saying there are no universal truths... be a universal truth?) *Possible answers - God is the only Way. The only Truth. The only real Life. / Sin is Sin and is wrong, every time / Everyone matters, even the idiots and Putin / No one deserves God's goodness / My feelings don't determine the Truth*

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
—2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)*

We all believe something about most everything. What we believe about things can be the result of what we have read, seen, and experienced. What we believe can be the result of what your parents or your education has taught you. However you arrived at your beliefs, they are your baseline of truth. What you believe is the lens or window through which you view everything and everyone. The problem is—a distorted lens will ALWAYS lead to a distorted view of the world. For us to experience the life God has created us to live—we must Pursue Truth. To Pursue Truth we should...

SEE PEOPLE THROUGH GOD'S EYES

"When it comes to people, it's even more difficult. But when we develop a biblical view of the world, we see people around us with a bit more of what God sees when he sees them... and us. Perspective changes perception." (p. 127)

3. Why do you think we (people) tend to make surface judgements about the people around us?
We assume what we see is all there is / we are living on the surface / it takes effort to dig deeper / we don't want to look past the obvious
4. If people got past the cover of your book, what would they be surprised to know about you?
By far the best question of the week. PLEASE dig into your inner self and answer this one honestly. If you can set the tone for this one, it could be a really good discussion.

SEE EVENTS THROUGH GOD'S EYES

"When we view the world through God's eyes, we see events that have happened differently. It also dramatically changes how we see what's going to happen—and our roles in the future." (p. 127)

5. Can you think of something that happened in your life that you perceived one way, but now that some time has passed and your perspective has adjusted, you see it differently?

SEE YOUR ROLE THROUGH GOD'S EYES

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." — Ephesians 6:12

6. When you read those words, how do you feel on the inside (inspired, overwhelmed, frustrated, afraid, dependent)? *Spiritual warfare is real - but it is weird. It can be tough to talk about, especially for people new to or young in their faith. Like a duck moving across the water - it can seem one way above the water and completely different under the water. There is SOOOO much more going on in life - than meets the eye.*

7. Seeing people through God's eyes, seeing events through God's eyes, seeing roles through God's eyes—which one of these is the biggest challenge for you? Why do you think?

8. Living through the lens of God's absolute truth changes how we think, how we react, and how we live. If you lived every day with a completely intact biblical world view, how do you think it would change your life? *It would add purpose / bring some clarity / help me remember that there is more to each day than just survival, etc.*

If we can get people to give this a try - it would be huge. If you want to show up big on the leader side - send out a quick text to remind people each day. You might send another in the evening to talk about how it went. Most people will quickly forget or move on - but if we didn't - this could be crazy powerful.

TAKE THE 3 DAY CHALLENGE:

MONDAY: Try to view every person you come in contact with through God's eyes. Get beyond the cover. Remember they are someone God chose and Jesus died to rescue.

TUESDAY: Try to view each event or situation you encounter with the thought that God is up to something. Ask—what could I learn from this?

WEDNESDAY: Try to view everything through the lens that this is not just flesh and blood. Ukraine/Russia—there is a spiritual war going on. Your family and friends—the battle is not just surface details. Your finances—there is more going on than meets the eye.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY: Repeat the days above—or take a nap. This stuff is tiring.

