



LISTENING IN THE SHADOWS



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 30, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Jesus is the truth we need.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. Describe a time you were in a courtroom.
2. When have you tried to start a new routine or habit in your life? What helped you succeed?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. When have you argued with a family member or a friend about what is real, true, and/or right?

Life Examination:

READ John 18:28-38

4. Why did the Jewish leaders need to bring Jesus to Pilate?
5. What made this reality a challenge for them?

6. Why was the "kind of death" of Jesus important?
7. What kind of king was Pilate concerned about? What kind of king was of no consequence to Pilate?
8. How did Jesus define "truth"? How does the idea of "testifying to the truth" capture the whole of Jesus' mission?

READ Ephesians 4:15-25

9. What does it take for the Body of Christ to grow in maturity?
10. How are those who follow Jesus different from those who do not follow Jesus (Gentiles)?
11. What is our role in growing in truth? What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Life Application:

12. If you were a court reporter at these trials of Jesus, how would you report on the proceedings? What kind of pictures would you capture to summarize what was happening?
13. What are some different ways people define truth and believe truth can be discovered?
14. What does the kingship of Jesus mean in your life?
15. How have you experienced spiritual growth in your life? What are some things a person can do to "put off the old self" and "put on the new self"?
16. Where do you struggle most to be honest: with yourself, with others, or with God?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask the Spirit of God to convict, correct, help, and empower each one of you.