

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 18/19, 2024

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

WARMUP: *Personal Testimony*

or

Question: If you could start a charity, what would it be for?

SET THE STAGE: *In John 8, Jesus addresses the reality of truth. Not only does truth exist, but truth comes directly from God and He revealed truth to the world through Jesus Christ. Objective truth is real and discoverable because God has given us the capability to observe, study, and comprehend it. This belief drove the church throughout history to value education and champion learning. It was Christian faith that drove believers to develop a method to evaluate the discoverable world around us, the scientific method. It was Christian faith that built the impressive system of schools, colleges, and universities throughout the West. Because we believe in the reliable, objective truth of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we should promote the pursuit of truth and advocate for our faith throughout our culture.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *John 8:12-31*

HEAD QUESTIONS: Why did the Pharisees struggle to recognize Jesus as the truth?

How did the church lose its influence on education and science in our culture? What must we do to make an impact in these areas once again?

HEART QUESTIONS:

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How comfortable are you discussing the intersection of science and faith? What are the most challenging questions you have?

Have you, or someone you know, struggled with the idea of absolute truth? Why?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

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What best practices can help us share our faith with people who reject the idea of absolute truth?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER