



Opinion Vs. Truth

- What is something that stood out to you from Last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: What is an current opinion that is being passed around like truth in our society? (*Two examples: "Our country has never been more divided than it is right now" - We may have been a smidge more divided during the civil war, "We are in the end times" - Scripture is pretty clear, we can't know that*)
 - What are the difining characteristics of truth? *It is based on fact and logic*
 - What are the defining characteristics of opinion? *It is based on emotion*
 - Can something be both an opinion and at the same time be true? *Yes an opinion can be logically accurate, but also it doesn't have to be.*
 - Why do you think that people sometime have a hard time recognizing that their opinion is not necessarily the truth? Or even other people's opinions?
 - Lately, it seems that has become culturally acceptable for people to identify "my truth". How is it problematic when people argue against THE TRUTH on the basis of, "my truth".
- In his teaching, Pastor Dave taught us that there are 3 reasons that people create their own truth. 1. To increase our personal power. 2. To advance our own narrative. 3. To promote our own agenda.
 - Do you agree or disagree that people do this?
 - What other reasons can you think of to add to this list?
 - What makes this dangerous to our society?
 - Why should we be cautioned from using this approach in our faith journey?
- Why are people so afraid of the truth? As a group, make a list of all the reasons people would have to create their own truth instead of upholding the truth.
- Read John 8:31-36
 - A major reason that people want to redefine truth is that it exposes our shortcomings. It exposes our sin. This is terrifying to many. But Jesus says that the purpose of truth is not to hurt us, but to set us free from sin! How does the truth set you free from sin?
 - In what ways has this truth been evident in your life? How have you experienced freedom from sin as a result of truth?