

February 27th, Whose Truth
Part 1 in the series 'Truth Be Known'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

READ John 8:31-32

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

What truth is Jesus talking about?

Why do you think so many people today claim that truth is relative?

READ John 14:6

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

What does it mean that Jesus is the truth? How can somebody be the truth?

Pastor Jim mentioned that when people say to him, "*that's the problem with you Christians. You think you've got a corner on the truth. You think you're right and everybody else is wrong*" he replies by saying "Actually, even to become a Christian, the first step is to admit and acknowledge you've been wrong".

Can you think of the truths you or others have had to let go of in order to embrace Jesus as The Truth?

READ John 16:12-15

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Why is the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of truth?

READ John 18:33-38

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

What do you make of Jesus’ words, “Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”?

What do you make of Pilate’s response, “What is truth?”

What else strikes you about this passage?