



## Going There 1 – What is Truth? Discussion & Reflection Guide

### Message & Scripture Discussion

- **Eddie mentioned that we often have a love/hate relationship with the truth. When do you love the truth, and when do you hate it?**
  - **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
  - **Read one of Eddie's favorite verses describing Jesus (John 1:14) and the verses around it in John 1:9-18.** Make a list of everything you notice about who Jesus is in these verses. **What stands out to you as you read these verses and see this list?**
  - Do you agree with the axiom that "the truth will set you free, but it will make you miserable first"? **Have you ever had an experience where the truth revealed something painful? How did you respond, and did you experience freedom on the other side?**
  - Eddie offered three phrases and reminders for us in pursuit of truth:
    - Trust the Bible, not your feelings
    - Emulate the saints, not celebrities
    - Look for truth in the church, not in culture
- Which of these comes most easily for you? Which is most challenging for you? Why?**
- Read Matthew 7:24. **What is one practical way that you can build a more solid foundation in Jesus this week?**
  - Read Hebrews 13:7. **Who comes to mind for you when you read this verse? How can their example challenge you to live differently?**
  - Read Ephesians 4:14-15. **How does this verse comfort you? How does it challenge you?**
  - **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at [info@wschurch.org](mailto:info@wschurch.org).

### **Book Recommendation: "Live No Lies" by John Mark Comer**

In this provocative and practical book, bestselling author John Mark Comer combines cultural analysis with spiritual formation. He identifies the role lies play in our spiritual deformation and lays out a strategic plan to overcome them.

## Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Baptism is a starting line, not a finish line**
- **The crazy intersection of truth, politics and sex**
- **We must wisely determine our source of TRUTH**
- **We have a love/hate relationship with the truth**
- Galatians 4:16 – “Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?”
- **Our most dangerous impulse is to seek false affirmation over truthful correction.**
- John 18:38 - “What is truth?”
- John 1:14 – “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
- **Jesus is full of grace and truth.**
- John 14:6 - “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”
- **“The truth will set you free, but it will make you miserable first.”**
- John 8:32 - “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- Matthew 28:20 - “Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.”
- **Trust the Bible, not your feelings**
- John 17:17 – “Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”
- **Anyone who tells us to look within ourselves for divine guidance is deceiving us.**
- 2 Peter 1:21 – “Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”
- **Feelings are always real, but not always true**
- Matthew 7:24 - “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”
- **Emulate the saints, not the celebrities**
- Hebrews 13:7 – “Remember those who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.”
- **Look for the truth in the church, not the culture**
- 1 Timothy 3:15 – “This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.”
- Ephesians 4:14-15 – “We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”