



Your Word is Truth

Scope & Sequence

Your Word is Truth is a study for youth on seeing all of life through the Truth of Scripture. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the authoritative Truth of the Bible may be understood and embraced as students form a biblical worldview. The first nine lessons establish the Bible as God's absolute, objective, universal, and unchanging Truth; the sinful heart's rejection of Truth; and the necessity of the Gospel's transforming work, which alone enables sinners to come to know and embrace the Truth through trusting in Jesus. The remainder of the study asks the question: "*How now should we live?*" By exploring a variety of contemporary topics, students can understand and apply biblical truth to all areas of

life. Our hope is that students would not be conformed to the thinking of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of their minds, that by testing they might discern what is good and acceptable (Romans 12:2). As the students grow in their own love and delight of the Truth, we want to encourage and equip them to stand firm in an increasingly hostile culture, boldly and humbly proclaiming the triumphant Truth of the Gospel.

The 40-week curriculum is designed to be taught in a Sunday School setting. Lesson presentations incorporate PowerPoint® shows, videos, interactive small group activities, and student journals to help teachers present the lessons and engage youth in the topics discussed during class time.

Lesson 1: What's the truth?

God is the source of truth.

- ▶ The study begins what a discussion on what truth is and where it comes from. The truth can be defined as the way things really are, keeping in mind that God is at the center of all things. Because God is the source of truth, it can be described as objective, absolute, universal, unchanging, and knowable.

Scripture: Isaiah 45:18-19

Lesson 2: The Bible: God's Authoritative Truth

The Bible is God's Word, and is trustworthy, authoritative and unchanging.

- ▶ Since God is the source of truth, His word is a trustworthy, authoritative, unchanging source of truth. Through the Bible, God communicates the most important truths in answer to humans' most important questions: *How did we get here? Why do we exist? What is wrong with the world? What is the solution? What will happen when we die?* The Bible shares who God is; what He has done and has promised to do; and how we are to respond to Him.

Scripture: Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 45:19; John 17:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:16

Lesson 3: The "Truth" of This Age

All people are under the authority of God's truth and are accountable to Him.

- ▶ The world is adapting an increasingly postmodern culture, in which the truth has been redefined as subjective, relative, individual, changeable, and uncertain. However, regardless of how people define truth, all people are under the authority of God's truth and are accountable to Him. God's truth stands firm forever.

Scripture: Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-5; Hebrews 4:12-13

Lesson 4: Satan, the Deceiver

Rejection of God's truth is not new—it began with Satan.

- ▶ Man's natural tendency, which began with Satan, is to reject God's truth. Satan works to deceive and blind people to the truth (2 Corinthians 4:3). Because of Adam's choice to believe the lies of Satan, sin and its blinding effects have spread to all mankind. Sinful people will, by their very nature, reject God's truth.

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-5; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 104:24; Isaiah 40:26; John 8:44; Romans 1:20-22; Romans 5:12

Lesson 5: Satan's Lie: Atheism

Pride in the sinful heart desires to reject the truth of God's existence.

- ▶ Atheism, the belief that there is no God, is a lie of Satan. It results from rebellion and pride at work in sinful hearts, which desire to reject the truth of God's existence. Pride does not want any other authority ruling over it. But, God has made His existence clearly known to all people through what He has made. Creation stands in testimony to the existence of its Creator.

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 10:3-4; Psalm 14:1; Isaiah 40:25; Romans 1:20; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Timothy 6:16

Lesson 6: Satan's Lie: Other Religions

Sinful people would rather believe Satan's lies instead of the truth, resulting in final condemnation.

- ▶ Deep down, all people have a God-given desire to have answers to life's most important questions. Satan disguises himself as an "angel of light" and offers false sight to people through a variety of religions. The false religions of the world—such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Mormonism and Scientology—deceive people by providing solutions that seem to answer life's most important questions. Rejection of God's truth results in condemnation.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:14-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4

Lesson 7: Satan's Lie: Islam

All false religions have the same end: God's wrath.

- ▶ Another false religion, Islam, is a lie of Satan that blinds people to the truth of the Bible. As with other false religions, Islam deceives its followers in three main ways: 1) It denies the validity of the Bible; 2) It denies the Person and work of Jesus; and 3) It denies God's means of salvation—by grace, through faith in Jesus. Like all false religions, Islam leads people to God's condemnation and wrath.

Scripture: John 1:1, 14; John 3:35-36; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:22

Lesson 8: The Light of the Gospel of Jesus

God is the one who removes our blindness, so that sinners may rightly see and respond to the truth.

- ▶ The answer to the problem of false religions is the Gospel—the good news of how Jesus came to save sinners from their sin by His death on the cross. Through the Gospel, God removes blindness so that sinners may rightly see and respond to His truth. God alone acts to remove sinners' blindness and give them belief in His Son. If anyone embraces God's truth, it is because of the grace of God at work in his heart.

Scripture: Matthew 20:28; Matthew 26:28; Mark 1:15; John 1:1, 14; John 11:25; John 14:6; Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:3-5, 8-9; 1 Peter 2:24

Lesson 9: Seeing All of Life Through the Truth of Scripture

The Bible is the only source of truth for all the most important questions.

- ▶ Faith in Jesus, by God's grace, is the only way to both know and love the truth. The Bible not only answers the most important questions, but it should also be the "lens" through which everything in life is seen and interpreted. This process renews and transforms the mind as it leads Christians to ask the question: *How now should I live?*

Scripture: Psalm 43:3; Psalm 119:105; Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Lesson 10: The Origin of the World

The God of the Bible created the heavens and earth and everything in it by His power and wisdom.

- ▶ Lessons 10-35 evaluate contemporary topics experienced in daily life through the lens of biblical truth. The series begins by answering the question: *How did the world come into existence?* According to the popular theory of evolution, life is the result of natural processes involving matter, time, and chance. However, evolution does not measure up to biblical truth, which reveals that God created the universe by His infinite power, wisdom, and design.

Scripture: Genesis 1:3-26; Psalm 74:16-17; Psalm 104:24; Proverbs 16:4; Jeremiah 10:12; Hebrews 11:3

Lesson 11: The Environment

God is the owner, sustainer, and ruler of all creation.

- ▶ God is the owner, sustainer, and ruler of all creation. As Creator, He made people in His own image and likeness in order that they might have a unique role in the world, including God-honoring dominion over other created things. However, because of sin, God placed a curse on the world. This requires difficult decisions as Christians weigh the needs of man versus those of other creatures as they care for the environment until Jesus returns and restores all creation.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-28; Psalm 24:1; Psalm 103:19; Romans 8:20, 22; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:1, 5

Lesson 12: Being a Man

God has designed each man to be a servant-like leader, provider, and protector.

- ▶ "What does it mean to be created by God as a man?" Scripture, affirms that God created all people in His image and likeness, so both men and women have equal worth. He also created men and women distinctly different. Men are designed to be masculine, to practice godly leadership, and to express servant-like leadership that protects and provides for women.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:5-7, 15-17, 18-23; Genesis 3:9; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 5:23, 25; Titus 1:7-8

Lesson 13: Being a Woman

God has designed each woman to be a willingly submissive helper and nurturer.

- ▶ God gave men and women a wonderful gift in the way He designed them to be distinctly different but perfectly complementary. By God's design, male leadership is a blessing to women, who are created to be willingly submissive helpers and nurturers. The God-given roles of wife and mother are both satisfying and show the perfection of God's design.

Scripture: Genesis 2:18; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Peter 3:4

Lesson 14: Marriage and Family

Marriage is a picture of Jesus' amazing, loving, and faithful relationship with His people—the church.

- ▶ Marriage is God's design to join together one man and one woman in a unique lifetime commitment. The relationship is designed to fully display the complementary roles of men and women and to provide a picture of Jesus' loving and faithful relationship with the Church. Another aspect of marriage's design is the wonderful gift and responsibility of having children and training them to follow Jesus.

Scripture: Psalm 78:5-7; Proverbs 1:8; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-25, 28-29; Ephesians 6:1-2

Lesson 15: The Church

The church is to uphold the truth by teaching, guarding, proclaiming, and demonstrating the truth of God.

- ▶ The true household of God, which includes all Christians, is the church. Scripture shows that the role of the church is to act as a “pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). The most important truth to uphold is the Gospel of Jesus. The church does this by teaching, guarding, proclaiming, and demonstrating the truth of God.

Scripture: John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 19:26-27; Philippians 2:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 3:14-15; Titus 1:9; Titus 2:1; 1 Peter 2:9

Lesson 16: Self

We exist for God and were created to glorify Him.

- ▶ The Bible provides the only true measure to see and understand ourselves. Personal value and worth are not self-derived—as self-esteem is developed—but rather come from God. Humans are totally dependent on God for everything and do not exist for self-exultation. Only through Christ can people rightly see and live in a way will fulfill their existence to glorify God.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; Acts 17:25; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:6-8; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Lesson 17: Friends

Friendships are a wonderful gift from God and are also intended to help and encourage us to better know and trust in Jesus and walk in His truth.

- ▶ In God's plan, parents have the primary influence in their children's lives to communicate God's truth. The church (the community of believers) should support parents as a secondary influence for truth. But God has also formed the gift of friends, who are intended to help and encourage each other to know and trust Jesus, and to walk in His truth. Because friends have a strong influence, those who do help one's growth in godliness must be carefully considered.

Scripture: Proverbs 12:26; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 22:24-25; Proverbs 27:9; Romans 12:2, 10; Romans 15:14; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 5:13; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 15; James 5:9, 16

Lesson 18: Ethics

The Bible provides the only sure set of moral principles for determining what is right or wrong in a given situation.

- ▶ Ethics can be defined as moral principles and values used to determine right or wrong in a given situation. The world develops moral compasses based on personal needs and desires or by justifying actions by the “end good.” The Bible—God's truth—provides the only sure set of moral principles. Practical, biblical guidelines for ethics can be found throughout Scripture.

Scripture: Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 6:18; Psalm 32:8; Psalm 119:15; Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 18:17; Isaiah 48:17; Matthew 5:16; John 16:13; Romans 13:1; 1 Corinthians 10:23; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Colossians 2:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 4:7

Lesson 19: Life and Death: Abortion

God is at work within the womb, intimately and wonderfully forming his unique image bearer.

- ▶ Children are a wonderful gift from God that He intimately and wonderfully forms in the womb. People have the honor of being God's unique image bearers and all of their days, both before and after birth, belong to God. God hates abortion because it wrecks this special gift of human life. Even in the womb, babies are unique humans formed by God in His image.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 127:3; Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 6:17; Proverbs 24:11; Ephesians 5:11; James 4:2

Lesson 20: Prejudice, Partiality, and Discrimination

Prejudice, partiality, and discrimination should be guarded against by being humble and teachable, and by only using biblical distinctions when making judgments about people.

- ▶ Prejudice is sinfully prejudging people based on wrong and prideful distinctions. Similarly, partiality and discrimination is sinfully treating people with favor or disapproval based on wrong and unfair distinctions. All three actions must be guarded against by being humble, teachable, and by only using biblical distinctions when making judgments about people.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; 1 Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 53:2; Luke 6:43-45; John 1:46; John 7:24; Romans 3:22-23; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:12; James 2:1-4, 8-9; 1 Peter 2:23

Lesson 21: Education

Education is the process of acquiring knowledge about God and His world, with the goal of becoming wise for salvation and then equipped to do good works, so that God would be glorified.

- ▶ Education is not something to pursue merely with the goal of getting good grades, going to college, or being able to earn a bigger paycheck. Rather, education is ultimately about acquiring knowledge about God and His world with the goal of making people wise for salvation and equipping them for good works so that God would be glorified in their lives.

Scripture: Psalm 19:1-2; Psalm 119:130; Psalm 145:5-6; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 2:6; Proverbs 23:12; Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Lesson 22: Technology

Technology can be used as a means of glorifying God, or glorifying man.

- ▶ People are able to create technology because they are made in God's image and reflect His divine ability to create. Technology often assists man in exercising rightful dominion over creation, and is a means of God providing for the needs of people. However, the sinful heart is also prone to develop and/or use technology for evil, or to trust in technology rather than God. Technology can be used to rightly glorify God or to wrongly glorify man.

Scripture: Exodus 31:3; Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 20:7; Psalm 104:14; Isaiah 55:2-3; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Lesson 23: Communication

A person's words or manner of speech flow out of the desires of his heart.

- ▶ God created humans to be relational, which includes being communicative. A person's words and manner of speech flow out of and reflect the desires of his heart. These words and the manner in which they are used can be a powerful tool for either blessing or cursing. Thus, each mode of communication presents unique opportunities and dangers to be carefully evaluated.

Scripture: Proverbs 16:23; Matthew 12:34, 36; Romans 16:18; Ephesians 4:15, 29; Ephesians 5:4; Colossians 4:6; Titus 3:2; James 3:4-10; 2 John 1:12

Lesson 24: Literature and Music

Literature and music are gifts God has given to man, which display our uniqueness as His image bearers.

- ▶ Literature and music, two different forms of communication, are both gifts from God and have a unique ability to actively engage the mind and heart—and thus are strong influences. Every author and songwriter has a worldview that is expressed, to one extent or another, through his writing or music. Believers must carefully evaluate the opportunities, dangers, and ideas literature and music present.

Scripture: Exodus 15:1; 1 Samuel 16:23; Proverbs 4:23; John 21:24-25; Philippians 4:8; Hebrews 5:14

Lesson 25: Television and Movies

Visual media provides opportunities to present biblical truths and themes, but also can be used as a tool of Satan to fuel sinful desires and thoughts.

- ▶ Two additional forms of communication and technology are television and movies. Visual media is a powerful tool that has the ability to vividly captivate hearts and minds. They can offer unique opportunities to convey biblical truths and themes, or be used as a powerful tool of Satan for fueling sinful desires and thoughts. Practical, biblical guidelines assist in carefully evaluating viewing choices and habits through the truth of Scripture.

Scripture: Psalm 19:9, 11; Proverbs 14:16; Isaiah 5:20; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 7:13; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 1 Corinthians 10:23; Galatians 6:7-8; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Lesson 26: Sports and Athletics

Sports and athletics are to serve us in understanding and growing in the Christian life.

- ▶ The term “great” is often used when describing a play, game, or athlete in sports, but it is sadly misused. Sports and athletics are to display God’s greatness and worth and to give Him glory. These activities are to serve people in understanding and growing in the Christian life, and Christians should carefully discern whether their participation in sports is serving this goal.

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 6:12, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 1 Corinthians 10:31 1 Timothy 4:7-8;

Lesson 27: Work

Work is a gift from God that brings about desired benefits for ourselves and other.

- ▶ Work is a gift from God. Meaningful labor is an undeserved kindness from God that brings about desired benefit for ourselves and others. God has given each person unique abilities, and He calls us to use these in specific kinds of work and occupations. All work is to be done with excellence, as if done for the Lord.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:1-2, 15; Exodus 20:9, 11; Psalm 128:2; Proverbs 20:4; Proverbs 21:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:8, 11; 2 Corinthians 8:14; 1 Corinthians 12:5-6; Colossians 3:23-24

Lesson 28: Rest and Leisure

Rest and leisure are a means through which we are to enjoy the many benefits that God has provided so that we might deepen our thankfulness to Him.

- ▶ While God has given people the gift of work, He has also graciously given them the gifts of sleep, rest, and leisure for the benefit of their bodies and souls. Sleep demonstrates dependence on God, and it should encourage people to humbly submit themselves to His good and sustaining rule. Rest and leisure are a means through which people are to enjoy and be thankful for the benefits God has provided. True, lasting rest and enjoyment can only be found in Jesus.

Scripture: Exodus 20:9-11; 1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 3:5; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 103:2; Psalm 121:4; Isaiah 40:28-30; Matthew 11:28; 1 Corinthians 10:23, 31; Ephesians 5:15-16; 1 Timothy 6:17

Lesson 29: Money and Possessions

Money and possessions are from God, belong to God, and are under His ultimate authority.

- ▶ Money and possessions are temporary gifts from God that belong to God and are under His authority. These items can be a dangerous snare and will not bring lasting comfort, security, or happiness. The gifts are meant to be used for kingdom purposes, blessing us and others. Christ is more satisfying than money or possessions, and should be treasured above all else.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:12; Job 41:11; Haggai 2:8; Matthew 6:19; Luke 12:15-21, 29-34; Ecclesiastes 5:10; 1 Timothy 6:10

Lesson 30: Economics

Economic concepts exist by God's design and should be pursued in a manner that acknowledges and honors God.

- ▶ Economics, the production and transfer of goods and services from one party to another for their mutual benefit, exists to honor God's design. The Bible honors economic concepts, such as private property ownership, the honest transfer of goods for profit, hard work and productivity, and just relations between employers and employees. It also recognizes the existence of inequalities in the abilities people possess and the benefits they receive in economic activities.

Scripture: Exodus 20:15, 17; Leviticus 25:14; Proverbs 14:23; Proverbs 22:29; Proverbs 31:18-19; Matthew 25:14-18; Luke 3:14; Acts 5:4; Colossians 3:22-23; Colossians 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12; 1 Timothy 5:18; James 5:4; 1 John 3:17

Lesson 31: Human Suffering—Sickness and Disease

God is sovereign over all suffering and all healing.

- ▶ Suffering due to sickness and disease are the consequences of living in a world that is under God's curse because of man's sin. However, God remains sovereign over all suffering and all healing. God designs all suffering in a Christian's life to work for His good as God displays His glory in and through the suffering.

Scripture: Exodus 4:11; Deuteronomy 32:4, 39; Job 2:6-7; Psalm 145:9; John 9:1-3; Romans 5:3-4; Romans 8:18, 20, 22-23, 28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10; Philippians 3:20-21 James 5:14;

Lesson 32: Human Suffering—Disasters and Calamities

God is absolutely sovereign over disasters and calamities.

- ▶ "Natural" disasters and calamities—hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods—bring about suffering to millions of people worldwide, but God is absolutely sovereign over these events. Scripture shows that God remains good, loving, and righteous in all He does. Disasters and calamities display both His judgment and His mercy to this fallen world. Ultimately, God does all things for His glory—to display His greatness and worth.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:4; Job 9:5-6; Psalm 100:5; Psalm 135:6-7; Psalm 145:9; Isaiah 45:7; Daniel 4:35; Amos 3:6; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1, 20, 22; Romans 11:33, 36

Lesson 33: Evil

God is sovereign over all evil; He wills what He hates in order to accomplish what He loves.

- ▶ Evil is one of the most challenging doctrines in the Bible. Although God wills that evil exist and He is sovereign over it, God cannot be blamed for evil. He hates evil and will punish those who do it but wills evil in order to accomplish what He loves. God caused the greatest evil to accomplish His greatest good—to show the immeasurable worth of His love for sinners by the death of His Son.

Scripture: Genesis 50:20; Psalm 5:4-5; Isaiah 1:4; Isaiah 13:11; Jeremiah 7:24; Matthew 15:19-20; Mark 1:27; Acts 4:27-28; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:7; James 1:13-14; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 John 1:5

Lesson 34: Rulers and Governments

God establishes governments, and they rule under God's supreme authority; therefore we are to submit to them.

- ▶ In His wisdom, God establishes governments on earth to rule under His supreme authority. God intends for them to reward good conduct and punish wrong. Citizens are to submit to governing authorities since resisting them is resisting God. However, believers are not to submit in situations requiring them to sin. Ultimately, governments and rulers serve to accomplish God's good purposes, but they should never be a substitute for God or individual responsibility.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 20:7; Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9; Ephesians 4:25; Ephesians 5:11

Lesson 35: War

Jesus does not want His people to be frightened or feel despair concerning the reality of war.

- ▶ War is a reality of living in a fallen and sinful world, and God has ordained that governments bear the sword at times. In an attempt to determine when it is biblically justified to go to war, Christians have developed a "Just War" ethic that establishes certain criteria based on biblical standards. Christians must ultimately put their hope in Jesus, who will return to earth in the future to wage a final and victorious battle against evil—and put an end to war forever.

Key Verses: Proverbs 24:11; Isaiah 1:17; Matthew 5:39, 44; Mark 12:31; John 2:13-17; Romans 12:19-21; Romans 13:3-4; Revelation 19:11-16

Lesson 36: War of Worldviews

God has given His people armor to withstand all of Satan's schemes.

- ▶ More urgent and important than the battles between physical armies, is the "war of worldviews" taking place in the hearts and minds of people. This war involved the forces of Satan versus the truth of God. Satan, a deceiver from the beginning, employs various schemes to deceive people. However, God has given His people armor so they are equipped to withstand all of Satan's schemes and a sword—the truth of the Bible—to wage war against Satan's lies.

Scripture: John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 2:2; Ephesians 6:10-13

Lesson 37: The Triumph of Truth

Jesus has decisively won the war of worldviews through His death on the cross.

- ▶ While truth may not always seem victorious now, Jesus has decisively won the war of worldviews through His death on the cross. Satan and unbelievers continue to fight now, but they fight a futile battle against God's truth. Christians are to boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel, being confident that Jesus will return and fully reveal the triumph of His truth.

Scripture: Psalm 119:160; 1 Corinthians 15:24-27; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15; Ephesians 6:13, 17-20; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 2:14-15

Lesson 38: Boldly Proclaiming Truth in Humility

The truth of the Bible is to be proclaimed in a spirit of humility.

- ▶ The truth of the Bible is to be boldly proclaimed as its victory is sure, due to Jesus' death on the cross. The truth of the Bible is a victorious, eternal truth. However, the truth of God is the truth of the cross, and this should cultivate humility in Christians, because through the cross they are saved by grace alone and through faith alone. Thus, the truth of the Bible is to be proclaimed in a spirit of humility—accurately, graciously, and fitting to the occasion.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-5, 26-31; Ephesians 4:29; Philippians 2:3, 5-8; Colossians 4:6; 1 Timothy 1:15

Lesson 39: Are You Walking in the Truth?

Saving knowledge of the truth is characterized by loving, trusting, and obeying Jesus.

- ▶ Knowing the truth is one thing, but having saving knowledge of the truth is another. The question is not how many correct answers can one give, but *“Do you trust and love Jesus? Do you love the Gospel of Jesus and embrace it?”* Saving knowledge of the truth is characterized by loving, believing, obeying, and being progressively changed by the truth. Embracing truth is not an academic exercise—it is following a living Savior who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, 13; 1 Timothy 2:4-6; 1 John 1:5-7; 1 John 2:3-4, 16-17

Lesson 40: Delighting in God’s Truth

God’s truth is meant to bring us lasting joy.

- ▶ Sometimes the sinful heart sees the Word of God as a long list of don’ts, but this is not the picture in Psalm 19. Rather, God’s truth gives eyes to see what is destructive and what will bring true, lasting joy. God’s truth should delight the heart as it opens the eyes to see the lasting joy God gives to those who trust Him and embrace His truth. His commands are not burdensome—they are life, and in keeping them there is great reward!

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119:24, 43; Proverbs 22:17-18; John 8:31-32