



# 1 Youth Ministry Grades 7-12

September 30, 2021 What is the truth? Part 2



Sundays at 9:30 What is the truth?

The Chosen Official Trailer

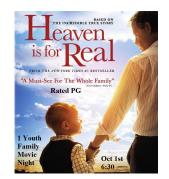
Questions answered about The Chosen by the director

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#### **Midweek Youth**

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for



Friday Oct 1st 6:30pm



Wednesdays 7:00 PM



### Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

### Sundays at 9:30am



both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

#### Bible verse of the week

#### Philippians 4:8

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.



#### What is the truth? Part 2 (Link to Part 1)

This past Sunday, we continued our lesson on understanding **truth**. We started by reviewing **Part 1** and then asking, "So, what's wrong with letting our feelings and worldly lies win over God's truth?"

Jesus answers us with a question, in **Mark 8:36**, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" Basically telling us that when we replace God's truth with temporary selfish pleasures we will be giving up our eternity for only temporary happiness.

We said that the reason that we choose to live selfishly, against God is very simple and Satan has been using the same techniques since the time in the Garden with Adam and Eve. Just as he did in the beginning, Satan convinces us that there is something other than God that would be "good" for us and will make us "feel" happy.

We looked at **Proverbs 16:25** for a warning against this very thing. Satan offers things that appear to be right or true but are really against God and lead to sin/death.

To make ourselves "feel" better about doing things that we know we shouldn't do, we sometimes tweak God's word to make it fit whatever makes us "feel" good so that it appears to be right. We talked about how Christians do this all the time to help "fit in" with the world.

We then talked about some resources that God has given us to help make sure that we are receiving and following God's truth.

**#1 Jesus**. Our example of how we are supposed to live is Jesus who demonstrated Himself how to live according to the truth of God and said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Simply, Jesus **IS** the truth and is our example.

**#2 Scripture** (God's truth). Jesus said, in **John 8:31-32**, that if you follow His teaching, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

The scriptures are truths that set us free from the uncertainty of life. The Bible is not meant to be a "rule book" to enslave us but its wisdom is meant to set us free from the trap of sin to give us the power to become all that God wants us to be.

Without even realizing it, we often allow Satan to hold power over us because we are afraid of our sin being exposed. But, when we go to God, in His truth and forgiveness, we are set free from Satan's hold over us.

**#3 The Holy Spirit** (Sometimes referred to the Spirit of Truth) We read **John 14:15-17** where Jesus tells us that the "Spirit of Truth" lives in us and **John 16:12-13** where He says that the Spirit of Truth will "guide us in all truth."

We said that God's "Spirit of Truth", who lives in each of us, will **ALWAYS** point us toward God's truth. But, it is still always up to us to listen and to follow His voice.

We said that even though the world we're in is constantly changing, we can know that God's truth never changes. As a Christian, we can be a lifesaver of truth to those who are drowning in the confusing waters of today's culture and be a guiding light for those who are lost in the darkness of the world.

Over the next few weeks we will be going through several topics to help you better understand, live out, and defend your faith when challenged.

### **Upcoming Events**

### First Friday Youth Movie Night

#### Join us at LWA on October<u>, 1st</u>, at 6:30pm for Youth Movie Night!

The movie will be the 2014 movie, "**Heaven is for Real**". For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families. **Rated PG** 



Based on the #1 New York Times best-selling book of the same name, Heaven is for Real brings to the screen the true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son Colton's extraordinary life-changing experience with the world. Colton claims to have visited Heaven during a near-death experience.

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