



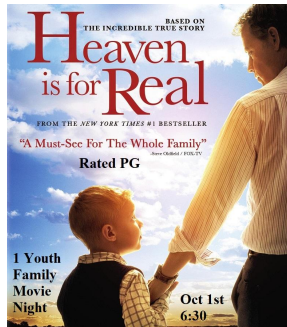
1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

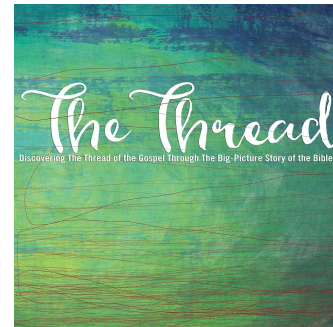
September 25, 2021
What is the truth?



Sundays at 9:30
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Friday Oct 1st 6:30pm



Wednesdays 7:00 PM

The Chosen
Official Trailer

Questions answered
about The Chosen by
the director

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two seasons here

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



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

Mark 8:34-36 (TPT)

³⁴ Jesus had his disciples and the crowd gather around him. And he said to them: "If you truly want to follow me, you should at once completely disown your own life. And you must be willing to share my cross and experience it as your own, as you continually surrender to my ways. ³⁵ For if you let your life go for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience true life. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep. ³⁶ For what use is it to gain all the wealth and power of this world, with everything it could offer you, at the cost of your own life?"



What is the truth?

This past Sunday, we started a new series on Christian Apologetics which is basically defending our faith against objections and misrepresentations. Before we could start defending our faith, we had to first understand **truth**.

We talked about all of the half-truths and even total lies that surround us on a daily basis that make it difficult to tell what is the truth.

We also talked about how the world tells us that there are multiple truths. They say truth is a matter of perspective and one persons truth may not be another persons truth and anyone who thinks differently is closed minded.

We looked at the example showing a 6 or a 9 and agreed that both cannot be right as the cartoon says. There can be only one truth. But, how do we know which one is the truth? We came up with three methods.

1. Look at the context it is used in
2. Look for clues that may suggest proper perspective
3. Ask the person who put it there (the creator)

We agreed that the 3rd option would be the best as the person who put it there would certainly know the truth.

We then said that we can use these same methods to determine what is the truth in the world around us with the 3rd option being to ask the creator, God.

We also said that it's sometimes even more difficult to tell the difference between our own feelings and the truth. It seems that the world is more concerned with the pursuit of happiness rather than the pursuit of truth.

We said that our feelings can easily become what drives us, motivates us, and can impact our life decisions.

We looked at **Mark 8:34-35** where Jesus is basically telling His Disciples they must separate themselves from their own selfish worldly desires and feelings in order to follow

Him. He told them if they try to hold onto these things they will lose them because they are only temporary and they distract from God's truth. When they separate themselves to follow Him they will live in the truth for eternity.

We discussed how the story about the Rich Young Ruler in **Matthew 19** really had nothing to do with whether rich people can go to heaven but rather how difficult it can be to let go of our worldly desires & feelings to follow Jesus and find the truth, which the man could not do.

We talked about how our feelings and emotions change all the time but the truth never changes. We said that even "facts" can change over time but the truth never does. For example: At one time, it was a "fact" that the Sun orbited the Earth yet now, the "fact" is that the Earth orbits the Sun but, the Truth was the same then as it is now.

We also talked about some times when we've made decisions based on our feelings or emotions and how that turned out.

We said that our feelings and emotions are not really bad and it's even good to have them. The problem happens when we allow them to rule our lives or decisions and when we allow them to replace God's truth.

Next Sunday we'll talk more about what the truth is, why it's important to know the truth, and some resources God has given us to help us know what the truth is.

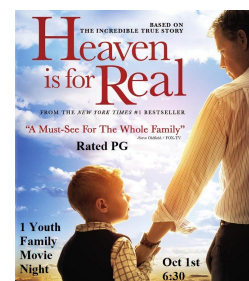
Upcoming Events

First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on October, 1st, 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.

[See Trailer Here](#)



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