



I AM (Part 3) - "The Thing That Truth Does"

John 14:6-7 NIV

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 3:21 NIV

21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

John 18:36-38 NIV

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 (bear witness) to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

Key Points

- God's truth bears weight on the ways of the world.
- Jesus exposes the illusion that we can have the life we most want on our terms and that we can do God's will OUR way.
- The truth exposes the things we tend to trust. It illuminates things about us - our attitudes, egos, and motives.
- We have been made by God and for God. We will not find the life we are looking for apart from life with God. Jesus restores the life for which we are created.
- Whoever belongs to the truth listens and acts upon what they hear. To live by the truth is to live in the light.
- Jesus demands a response.
- Jesus embodies truth, and our challenge is to figure out how that truth plays out in our everyday lives.
- Trust is the response to the truth.

READ

Open your time together by reading the Scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:

- Read John 14:6-7. How does the role of Jesus as "the truth" influence our approach to seeking truth in our daily lives? How can we align our understanding of truth with Jesus' teachings in today's world?
- Read John 3:21. What does "live by the truth" mean? How does living by the truth impact our daily decisions and interactions with others?
- Read John 18:36- 38. Pilate famously asks, "What is truth?" How do you interpret Pilate's tone and intention behind this question? In what ways do we see Pilate wrestling with the truth found in Jesus?

REFLECT

- How does the truth reveal aspects of ourselves, such as our attitudes, egos, and motives?
- How do you think trust is linked to our response to truth?
- What do you think it means to say that we have been made by God and for God? How does this impact our search for meaning and purpose?

RESPOND

- Reflect on a time when you realized that you were trying to live life on your own terms rather than aligning with God's will. What did you learn from that experience?
- Discuss the challenges of living out the truth in our everyday lives. What obstacles do you face, and how do you overcome them?
- How do you perceive Jesus embodying truth in your life? Can you identify instances where this truth has been evident?

PRAY

Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests collectively or by breaking into prayer partners.