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Build Up Our Gates: Truth
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Nehemiah 3:6-12, John 8:31-47

| Overall Theme: | | |
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| God is truth, His word is | truth, and that chang | e. |
| Build Up Your Gates | | |
| Old Gate | | |
| ✓ We are to be | through Christ, not | to the world (Romans 12:2) |
| ✓ In determining tru | th, we must look at both the | of truth and its |
| <u>5 Facts About Truth</u> | | |
| 1. Truth is | _, not subjective | |
| 2. Truth is | _, not selective | |
| 3. Truth is | _, not relative | |
| 4. Truth is | _, not temporal | |
| 5 Truth is | not hinding | |

"Apostasy occurs when a church leaves its historic moorings, abandons its historic confessional position, and degenerates into a state where either essential Christian truths are blatantly denied or the denial of such truths is widely tolerated." ~ R.C. Sproul

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Sermon Talks

- 1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
- 2. Have you ever found yourself in a discussion about what is truth and what is not? How did that conversation go?
- 3. Do you believe truth is under attack today? If so, how?
- 4. Read Isaiah 59:14-15. What do those verses say about truth and righteousness?
- 5. How is truth objective and not subjective? How is it universal and not selective?
- 6. What is the major flaw in the idea that "there are no absolutes?"
- 7. God is truth and God is eternal. Read Psalm 119:160 and Isaiah 40:8. What do these verses say about truth being eternal?
- 8. Read John 8:32. What does this verse mean to you? How does truth set you free? How does this principle play out in our lives?
- 9. What does it look like to walk in God's truth and grace when interacting with people who believe differently?
- 10. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in truth each and every day.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 3:6-12 and John 8:31-47) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?