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Discovering Truth

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2 John

3 Types of Relativism

1. _____ Relativism: Descriptive
2. _____ Relativism: Prescriptive
3. _____ Relativism: Inscriptive → Authority of Self

Biblical Definition of Truth

1. _____ is truth (Deuteronomy 32:4, Hebrews 6:18)
2. _____ is truth (John 8:31-32, John 14:6)
3. The _____ is truth (John 16:13, 1 John 5:6)
4. _____ is truth (Psalm 119:160, John 17:17)

Discovering Truth: 7 Components (2 John)

1. _____ of Truth (v. 1-3) Head → Heart → Hands
2. _____ in Truth (v. 4)
3. _____ of Truth (v. 5-6)
4. _____ of Truth (v. 7)
5. Test _____ in Truth (v. 8)
6. Failure to _____ Truth (v. 9-11)
7. The _____ of Truth (v. 12)

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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. What does it mean to say that something is absolutely true? How would you define "relative truth" in your own words?
3. Can you think of an example of something that is considered universally true (absolute truth)? Give an example of a situation where truth might be considered relative depending on perspective.
4. Review the three types of relativism. What are potential dangers of believing any or all of them?
5. Review the Biblical definition of truth as seen through God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and His Word. What is the fundamental difference between relative truth versus absolute truth (Biblical truth)?
6. In the first three verses of 2 John, why does John make a point to emphasize that truth must travel from our head to our heart and then to our hands?
7. In 1 John 5, we saw that "love" is spelled "o.b.e.y". In 2 John, how does John link the words "love" and "truth" together?
8. Why is it so important to be aware of deceivers, or imposters, of truth? What are some examples of imposters that we see in our world today?
9. Have you experienced false teaching? How should we respond to false teaching?
10. What do you think the "fullness of truth" is that John wants every believer to have?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (2 John) 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?