

You Can Handle The Truth

The Truth & the church

1. Often times Christians are some of the worst _____ of the truth, even though we claim we _____ in the only absolute truth
2. The truth is we can _____ the truth, and not only can we handle the truth, but the pursuit of truth is _____ to spreading the gospel in our world

What is truth?

1. We don't live in a world that recognizes _____ truth
2. Jesus was very clear that He is the _____ of all absolute truth
John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
3. Christ did not just speak the truth, but _____ the truth
4. What truth is not --
 - Truth is not correct, factual _____
 - Truth is not "_____ " moral teachings
5. Truth is a _____ approach to life that draws us to God

How do you obtain truth?

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. *32* Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1. The statement is _____ – we must "remain in Christ's word"
 - Truth is obtained by _____ – it's a life-long journey
 - Truth is obtained by _____
2. Obtaining truth is putting into _____ what Jesus asks for our life

What does truth do for you? – It brings freedom

1. Freedom from _____
John 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. *35* Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. *36* So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
2. Freedom from the _____ of this world
 - Jesus' Example - Caesarea Philippi
Matt. 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
 - 25 miles northeast of the sea of _____
 - Northern border of the _____ land
 - Very susceptible to _____ worship
 - Jesus was putting himself up _____ all the world had to offer because He knew the truth
 - Paul's Example – Acts 17
Acts 17:22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. *23* For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you."
 - Paul demonstrated significant _____ of Greek religious practices
 - He related common knowledge shared by both in order to _____ the gospel more clearly
 - Neither Jesus nor Paul were _____ of the lies because they knew the truth

Our Reaction

1. Continue to _____ righteousness and holiness
2. Abstain from the "actions" of this world, but do not be afraid to deal with the lies in order to _____ the gospel
3. Be honest with _____ and others