

Broken Signposts (6 of 7)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, April 2nd 2023



Sermon Series: Broken Signposts | Lent 2023 Sermon Series

Sermon Title: Knowing the Source of All Truth

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18; 8:31-47; 14:6; 17:13-19; 18:28-38

Sermon Focus: Our longings for justice, love, beauty, and freedom mean absolutely nothing if truth isn't an objective, knowable reality. Philosophers and theologians have articulated this for millennia, but our post-modern Western world is embracing relativism and nihilism that denies the *Logos* of God. In the sixth message of our series, Pastor David shares why we must resist the zeitgeist and know the source of all truth.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read John 18:28-38 together. Pastor David said that the only “truth” that Pilate knew and was interested in was *power*. He had it and nobody else in the story did. The truth was staring him in the face, but he didn’t recognize it. Have you noticed that social and political power (getting the upper hand over our opponents) seems increasingly more important to people today than knowing the truth and living by it? Share some examples of how you see this happening in our country.
2. Pastor David used Oprah Winfrey’s 2018 Golden Globes speech as an example of how “*your truth*” and “*my truth*” is problematic. What not just say “the truth” when referring to what is real, good, and true? Have you noticed this shift in our words and language? Can you think of other examples from our culture that reveal the rise of relativism and the move away from moral absolutes and absolute truth?
3. John 1:1 synthesizes Greek and Hebrew concepts of the Word or *Logos*—ultimate being, knowing, reason, the source of truth, the divine mind and will, etc. Did you find this knowledge Pastor David shared helpful? Do you see this as a way of helping skeptics and unbelievers see that truth and reality, which concerns logic/reason *and* faith/religion, have no foundation apart from God?
4. Read John 8:42-47 together. Jesus describes the devil as “the father of lies” who hates the truth. How often do you think we connect the lies and misinformation that is rampant in our culture back to him? Why is it a mistake not to do that? How ought this knowledge lead us to respond differently as people of faith?
5. Pastor David shared several ways that we can condition our hearts and minds to love the truth and walk in it. What do each of these look like for you?
 - study and meditation of the Scriptures
 - prayer and conversation with the Holy Spirit
 - worship and reflection with the Body of Christ
 - speaking the truth in love and embodying the truth
 - exposing the darkness through reason and faith
6. The Body of Christ is to be truth-lovers, truth-tellers, and truth-doers. Take some time to sit in silence and prayerfully consider this question: “Have I believed a lie about God, myself, or my neighbor?” After some time to think and pray about it, share with your group how God is inviting you to align yourself with the truth.