

what if it's true?

REASONS TO BELIEVE

WEEK 5 - TRUTH OVERVIEW

One quick glance at our fractured media landscape and it becomes clear that truth is having a bit of a rough go of it. Everyone is served their own version of reality, and it's hard to know what's real anymore. As the prophet Isaiah said, "Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed. Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked" (Isaiah 59:14-15). We know deep in our souls this isn't the way it's meant to be. We long to know what is real, why the world is the way it is, and how we can escape from the falsehoods which bring so much suffering into our lives. Which is why it is a compelling thought to consider how John depicts Jesus in his gospel: not as a *teacher* of truth or a *defender* of truth, but as *the very truth itself!* Christ is the north star of truth we've been yearning for.

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!

John 14:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you handle things that you read or see online that may or may not be true? (See [Isaiah 59:14-15](#).)
2. Read [John 14:1-3](#).
 - a. Why are the disciples' hearts troubled?
 - b. How would you describe the home Jesus is referring to?
 - c. What is the difference between a household today and a household in Jesus' time?
3. Read [John 14:4-7](#).
 - a. What are different definitions of way (*hodos* in Greek)?
 - b. Describe how Jesus is *the way*.
4. Why was Jesus here, according to [John 3:17](#)?
5. Read [John 8:31-32](#). How is Jesus *the truth*?
6. Give some examples of how God is sometimes misrepresented by people.
7. What truth about God do we see revealed in Jesus?
8. Is Jesus the answer to your personal longing for truth? What does that mean to you?