

Truth or Dare? – Lesson 2

The Truth Is

Verses to Remember

"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." Judges 17:6 (NIV)

1. Do you know anyone who doesn't believe in truth?

2. Do you know anyone who says that "what's right for you may not be right for them"? What do you think of that?

Matthew 5:18, 26, 17:20, 21:21

1. What is it that Jesus says again and again?

2. Why do you think that Jesus said this so often?

3. Do you think Jesus can be trusted? Why/why not?

4. Why don't you think more people use Jesus as their standard?

5. If Jesus says over 30 times in Matthew that he is telling us the truth, what would keep you from using him as your standard of right and wrong?

Truth Is

Truth cannot be relative. Sure, there are gray areas sometimes. But there is a standard of truth, and his name is Jesus. He may not tell us everything we'll ever need to know (he doesn't instruct us how to balance our checkbook, for example), but everything we know and decide upon can be viewed through the lenses of what Jesus would approve of. This is what being a disciple is about. Decisions on how to speak, whether or not to and whom to date, what your career will be, etc., should be reserved for the truth-giver—Jesus—to influence.

1. What other sources of right and wrong could someone be influenced by?

2. Which ones are most common today?

3. How much do you think Jesus influences your life compared to these other influences?

4. How often do you simply do what is right "in your own eyes"?

Homework:

- Memorize Judges 17:6
- Make a weighted list of what influences your ideas about what is right & wrong.
- Write a paragraph on what truth is.