

WHAT IS TRUTH?

JOHN 18:12-14, 19-24, 28-40

INTRO

- Background info: what's going on in this passage?
- Passage walkthrough

PILATE'S QUESTION: WHAT IS TRUTH?

- Everyone has an answer to that question
- What you believe matters!
- Our society is not idea-neutral

JESUS' MISSION: BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

- Jesus' mission - John 18:37
- Contrast with lies - John 8:44
- We bear the truth - Sent as Jesus was sent (JOHN 20: 21)
- Bear the truth in LOVE!
 - With Christians
 - With non-Christians

GOD'S WORD: TRUTH.

- What is the truth we're supposed to bear witness to? God's word.
- Revelation - we have the Bible :: the word of God revealed through man

HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE: ILLUMINATE AND APPLY THE TRUTH

- Inspiration - 2 Timothy 3:16 "God-breathed"
- Illumination - John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth"
- Sanctification - permeates all of life
 - More than right answers
 - Knowing God
 - Knowing what should be and aligning yourself with it
 - Killing sin, supplanting lies, living a holy life

NEXT STEPS: KNOWING, LIVING, AND SPEAKING TRUTH

- Study, value, treasure God's word [real with God]
- Seek God for you life's alignment with His truth by the Holy Spirit [real with ourselves]
- Speak truth - we're sent as Jesus is sent: bear witness to the truth [real with others]