



Doctrine Discussion Guide

Week 7 | Live it out

Opening Question

How are truth and deception identified in our culture?

Passages for Study

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 8:31-32

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- What do we learn about truth in these passages?
- Why is Jesus as the truth so foundational to our faith?
- What does this say about other truth claims that exist in our world?

Colossians 2:6-9

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

- We received Jesus by faith. What does this mean for how we ought to walk or live in him?
- What do we learn here about human philosophies?
- How do we ground ourselves in the midst of these philosophies and traditions?
- How is Jesus greater than all the other great people in history?

Read the Big Idea:

The end of sound doctrine is life.

- What has stood out to you most through this first part of the Doctrine series?
- How has your view of God changed or expanded?
- What difference does that make to your life?
- How does sound doctrine change equip and embolden evangelism?
- Why is sound doctrine foundational for unity in the church?
- How does sound doctrine nourish holiness?
- How does sound doctrine fuel for the fire of worship?
- Why should sound doctrine fill up our joy?

Read Psalm 95:1-7 and then pray in worship to our God of truth.

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,