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Team, I love those words, *Lord, there's nothing better than You*. We are a church that's all about Jesus, lifting up His name, praising Him. We worship His name today and we love Jesus. Here at Calvary we preach the Gospel. We continue to remind you that He loves you. He loves you so much that He knew because of our sin and our separation from Him that He had to come and He had to take our place in death. He had to live a perfect life and He rose from the grave victorious over that death, and because of that we have the opportunity to be part of His family in His Kingdom and living daily knowing that He is our King, that He is in charge. And we are a people trying to figure that out on a day-to-day basis; trying in the midst of this sinful, messed up world that we live in to say, "Yes, Jesus, You are in charge. Your ways are right and I'm gonna follow You in every way in my life." So that's what we're doing as a church. We're learning it together. We get together in groups during the week. We spend time praying together. We talk together about these things. We share it with our friends. And as a result, God's Kingdom is growing and growing and moving forward and it's happening here at Calvary, so praise God.

Thanks for being here this morning. All you smiling faces in this room, I'm so glad, thanks for being here. Those smiling faces online – smile at me, I don't know, I think you're smiling at me, um, let's say hello to the people online. Can you say hello to the people online? We miss you. I know some of you are on vacation, some of you are far, far away because that's where you always are, but thanks for being part of us, and I hope that you feel the love and the friendship of being in this room, so God bless you. We just absolutely love you.



This is the last week in a series called [HE SHRUGS] small truths, small stories, BIG TRUTH – see, even you couldn't get it but you knew I was wrong. Jesus took seven small stories and in each of those stories He gave

us a big truth to camp on and there were big truths about His Kingdom. When we follow Him in obedience, when we put our trust in Jesus we enter into His Kingdom. We are no longer in the kingdom of death and darkness and of this world, we are now in the kingdom of life and light and truth where Jesus is King and God rules and God reigns, and we as a people, we are in that Kingdom. If you put your faith and trust in Jesus you no longer need to live in that darkness. You no longer have to live controlled by fear. You no longer have to live with sin being mastery over you. You can now live in the Kingdom and the glory of God's grace and His power.

And again, that's why we get together here on the weekend, as Jesus told us to do to encourage each other and strengthen each other and give each other high fives. When you're feeling down put our arm around each other, pray for each other. If you're in this room today and you're feeling strong, would you look for someone that's not? Look left, look right, look at the person in front of you and make a decision right now, *I'm going to go up to them afterwards, I'm going to give them a hug* – if that freaks them out, don't do it. Hey, listen, say hello to them, share with them, smile at them, because we need each other and that's why we come to this place as people under the King, King Jesus, loving and caring for each other.

All right, I'm going to throw something up on the screen right now and I'm just going to ask you when you think about truth, when we talked about little stories and big truths that define us in the Kingdom, let's go to the next slide, we have in that we have three options of how we can respond to truth. You ready?

Which one?

1. If it's not old, it's not true
2. If it's not new, it's not true
3. If I don't say it's true, it's not true

So the first one is: If it's not old, it's not true. Now, answer yourself in your mind, *Which one of these do I sort of subscribe to?* Next one: If it's not new, it's not true. And the last one: If I don't say that it's true, it's not true. All right, do you have it in your head which one you're going to pick? Which one is where you land? You can

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even ask yourself, *Why do I land there? What am I thinking?* And maybe some of you are going, *What, at first I thought it was number one, then I thought it was number and two, and now I think it's number one, two, and three.* I'm a little confused.

Actually, this issue of truth is a confusing issue in our time. It's why I want to bring this up this morning. For most of history number one was the one that people would have picked. It's just like there was truth established, that truth is truth that I follow. People that were way before me made it clear, I'm going to follow that. I've only been on this earth a short amount of time, I don't know everything, I haven't figured out everything.

Well then – and I'm going to just say 20 years ago, I don't know, might have been 10 years ago, it might have been 14 years ago, things began to really move forward technologically and scientifically. Oh, shoot, algorithms, AI, you know, you can think it through, add some extra words to that. And when those things began to move forward we said, "Oh, my, we've got it figured out. We know a little bit more. We're pretty smart." And we're like, "Wait, I've got this thing whipped. I know it all." Now, never mind I've never done anything. Never mind that I don't know every subject and I don't know everything and I haven't experienced everything. Hey, Google it, put it into that algorithm, let AI figure it out for me and wow! We're the enlightened ones. We know things and we've gone places and we've seen things that no one else ever has. After all, we can launch several people up into space for 10 minutes this week – aren't we amazing! We've got it figured out.

Then the final one is more the phrase that we're starting to move to – if I don't say it's true, it's not true. We're even getting to a place right now where we're going yeah, I don't even know if science is right. I mean, I know we heard a lot of people say "trust the science" but then a lot of people haven't. In the exact same time all we hear is that guys aren't guys, they're gals, and gals aren't gals, they're guys. And we're going, "Wait a minute, what happened to the science?" And someone says, "You can't question that."

Exactly. That's what this says – if you don't say it's not true, it's not true. "I'm offended. I'm offended that you don't see it my way. And the fact that you don't see it my way, you must be against me and you're not allowed to do that because you just hurt my feelings." And now all of a sudden we're all just sort of confused and we're asking the question as a society – what is truth? But as even a church as we're trying to put things together and going, "Who do I listen to? And where do I grab these feelings? Where do I reach back to something that's an anchor that I can hold on to? Where do I look at new findings in science and say, *Okay, yeah, I need to grab onto that*"? And we as a church, we've been sort of scattered all over the place going, "I – I don't know." It has created tension. It's created disagreements.

I think this week I sent this article to someone, but three pastors of major churches in this country under major battle over this subject of truth. And different groups within these churches, major churches in our country claiming their truth is better than this truth. And it all comes down to which one of these we define as how we find truth and where truth is to be found.

Which one?

1. If it's not old, it's not true
2. If it's not new, it's not true
3. If I don't say it's true, it's not true

Matthew 13 has presented us with Jesus sitting down with His disciples and saying I want to walk you through a thought process that is new. By the way, everything's new. It's like, "Aaah!" Okay? We want new stuff. Everyone's looking for something new in this time, we'll talk about that here in a moment. But Jesus, the God of the universe is looking at His disciples, His followers, and saying, "I'm gonna walk you through some things. You thought that the Kingdom was something that I was going to usher in through military force or make it happen." I mean, they just thought somehow Jesus would come and crush Rome

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and put down Rome and that they would rise up in physical power over the people and the Kingdom would be established at that point. When in point of fact, Jesus says, "I'm going to explain to you this thing of the Kingdom and it's very different." And He goes into seven different stories in Chapter 13 of Matthew to explain the Kingdom to these disciples – and to us. Okay? And each of those stories has a major point.

These stories describe stuff and I'm not going to review them all. I hope, actually, as a result of talking this morning you go, "Wow! I didn't realize they were so important. I need to go back and look at them." These stories describe who's *in* the Kingdom and how you get into the Kingdom. Who's *not* in the Kingdom. How there are people *posing* who are not really in the Kingdom, and how to see those and know those. How there are those who are pushing up against the Kingdom, how evil is trying to encroach upon the Kingdom. And then He even talks about who doesn't get into the Kingdom. He talks about the reality of even a place called Hell. The culmination of everything we've talked about for almost a year.

We started last, I believe, September in the book of Matthew. We've been going through the book of Matthew, we've been... I mean, there's so much more we could have even gone to, we didn't even scratch the surface. We've been doing it for a year just going through verse by verse just understanding it. But as we look at these parables of the Kingdom, when we finally bring this all together and we [INAUDIBLE–AUDIO/VIDEO GLITCH] complete focus, here's what we have to come to—that Jesus is King.¹ That was the title that we [INAUDIBLE–VIDEO/AUDIO GLITCH] series back in September. We named the different sections of this thing different things, but the whole book of Matthew is driving towards Jesus is King.

And one of the questions that I would love for us to be able to ask ourselves today as we begin to try to drill down on where we stand on this: What's it look like to make Jesus King in my life, my home, my family, the world that I live in? And how do I find out what the King wants for me so that I can say yes to King Jesus, that we can declare Him as King? So that when we sing the songs that we just sang and we sing, "You're the only One" we are reminded that I have a gaze towards Heaven and towards Jesus and I'm trying to find out exactly what He wants. And there's not new information on this. He's given it all to us.

If you have your Bibles, it's just two short little verses. Someone joked with me that last time I preached they gave me one verse to preach on, I thought that was amazing we could pull that off. We have two today and they are sort of abrupt as they come to an end. So if you have your Bibles, I would love for you to turn to Matthew Chapter 13, verse 51. Here's what I think has happened in this chapter. Jesus tells His disciples these seven parables, these seven stories with a big truth in them, and at the end He asks this question in verse 51. He looks at His disciples and He says:

⁵¹ "Have you understood all of these things?"

— and they say yes:

They said to him, "Yes."

– MATTHEW 13:51 (ESV)

And there may be some humor in that to an extent where we step back and go, "Are you serious? You got all that?" I don't know about you, but as we're going through these, I mean, I re– I mean, these parables make you think and you're really trying to wrap your brain around 'em and make sure that I understand this, I have this right. But I also remind us, you have had the disadvantage of listening to teachers like myself and our other three pastors preach this, we're pathetic. Jesus is God, so when Jesus taught His

¹ Transcriber Note: JESUS IS KING series ran October 18 to December 20, 2020.

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disciples – can you imagine if Jesus gets to teach us? We think we're all fancy and special up here talking about stuff, giving our cutesy little illustrations and stories, and Jesus says, "I'm just going to use stories that you understand. I'm going to use wheat. I'm going to use mustard seed. I'm going to use all sorts of things that you get and you understand. I'm just going to keep it really simple so that it goes across the ages." And the point of the matter is He didn't want to hide the truth from us, He wanted us to know the truth.

His disciples listen to what He has to say, their response to Him is, "Yeah. I understand these things." Understand has to do with the mind. And then it says this in verse 52:

⁵² **And he said to them, "Therefore**

— since you understand, the word *therefore* is a very key word in this. Since you understand this, now I am going to explain to you what your response should be to what you understand. Since you understand you are in the Kingdom, since you understand there are certain people that aren't, since you understand how you get in, since you understand that evil is buffeting it, since you know that God is in the process of using it to grow exponentially in a way that you could have never dreamed was possible, since you know there is a Hell, since you understand this and you say 'Yes, I understand this,' then He says here is your responsibility. He says:

"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

– MATTHEW 13:52 (ESV)

Then He's done.

Because you understand these principles of the Kingdom that Jesus taught you, you – if you're in the Kingdom – you become like a scribe. Now these scribes were very, very important. They took the Bible and they had to copy it perfectly. They had to know it, they had to communicate it, they were the teachers of the Bible. They had this huge responsibility—you can't get it wrong, this is God's holy message—if you mess this up you now are giving stuff that's not true. So every scribe who has this responsibility of teaching and reproducing God's words and God's truth, He says, who has been trained—that's what Jesus has just done.

He's taken them through this basic training, seven stories on the Kingdom, so that they could remember those stories, so that they could repeat those stories easily, so that they could live them out. He's saying listen, as a scribe you have been trained in this, you've been discipled, you've been brought up in this, and He says because the Kingdom of Heaven—He keeps on bringing this phrase up, "the Kingdom of Heaven is like"—that's what we've been hearing in the rest of these. For this reason, actually some would say that this, too, is a parable, I've chosen to say no, actually this is Jesus saying as a result of you understanding all this, I just asked you if you understood this, here is sort of the response module that you're going to have it. Because of this, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house.

Don't overread into master of a house. We've talked about that in a lot of these, we're talking about the head of the household, the person that owns the house, the person who is overseeing the functions of the house. It has nothing to do with being wealthy. It has nothing to do with power. It has nothing to do with control. Don't let cultural things of our day read into this and turn it and twist it to mean something other than what Jesus meant it to be. He's using very simple things—if you own a house, what do you do with that house, how do you manage that, what is your responsibility, what is your ownership responsibility of that house? He says the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house who brings out of his treasure.

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By the way, that word is plural, it would indicate that someplace there is a repository of this treasure that is maintained. For you, it might be a big safe that you have. For you, maybe it's that hope chest at the end of your bed. For you, maybe it's this location where you keep those things that matter. The owner of the house who has the responsibility and ownership over that house brings out of that treasure, and this is where it sort of ends abruptly, what is new and what is old and that's where He ends. You're like the master of a house bringing out treasure that is new and old. Jesus started out by asking the disciples do you understand, they say yes.

We have agreed at the very beginning with the three statements about truth that we live in a confused generation. Most of us in this room, because we live in this confused generation, because we listen to what this confused generation says and we repeat it, we've repeated it often enough that in many ways we now are even confused about that answer and we are going back and forth between these three. I want you to hear a verse from the book of Matthew – Matthew 15, verses 8-9 – that I think is very important. It's something that we as a church need to consider and think through a lot. It says this:

⁸ "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁹ in vain do they worship me,

— now here's the phrase that I want you to hear:

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

– MATTHEW 15:8-9 (ESV) ²

Teaching as doctrines—this is what you're supposed to believe, this is what you need to know—the commandments of men. Whatever is the one-liner of our time, whatever we're told right now we're supposed to believe, that we're supposed to hang on to, that we're supposed to proclaim, that we're supposed to stand on. How many of you sit through session after session of training in the workplace right now on things that have nothing to do with the job you do on an everyday basis? Where they tell you how you're supposed to behave, how you're supposed to think, the words you are allowed to use, the words you're not allowed to use, the phrases and how they're supposed to be said, and what will happen to you if you don't follow those phrases. Am I talking about anything you know? It's exhausting. And there are even those telling me I should be doing that here.

Let me tell you what we spend a bunch of time every week with our staff studying [HOLDS UP HIS BIBLE] this Book. Now I get it, I get it, you aren't able to sit into that kind of thing – although you are, we have studies every day, every night, Bible studies. I want you to be in that because you need to be overcoming it with this [Bible], because here's the thing, we can come in here and do exactly what these words in Matthew 15:8-9 say—honor with our lips—while all along the teaching that we follow is the doctrines of man.

And by the way, when I mention three different major churches that are in conflict that I read of just this week, I mean, just random, when I read about that the conflict is between the commandments of men, what we're being taught, what you're being trained in those Zoom conferences you sit there and have – how many of you mute them? Oh, don't raise your hand, we might be on video, stop [LAUGHTER] – but it's that conflict between you're being taught that every day. And while you may not buy all of it, there's a piece of it where you're going, *Huh?* And you're trying to say, and we're mixing together what we know of God's Word, we're mixing together a little bit of what other people are saying and the stuff that's changing and coming back and forth, and we're going, "I don't even know if that's truth" – and it's not.

² Cross references: [Isaiah 29:13](#) and [Ezekiel 33:31](#)

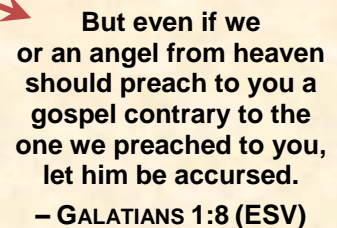
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If it turns out—this is the third option—that what everyone says is truth, if what you [POINTS OUT AT AUDIENCE TO HIS LEFT] think and what you [POINTS OUT AT AUDIENCE IN FRONT OF HIM] think and what I think, [LOOKS OVER AT AUDIENCE TO HIS RIGHT] you guys, I'll leave you out of it for a moment, is truth—instead, Jesus is saying I want you to be like the master of a house.

You're a scribe, you've been trained, and it's a very exacting training. It took a little thinking, but it's not that complicated. There were just seven stories, I told you those so that you can know those stories, be like that scribe who can bring out the new and the old as revealed in this Book. And by the way, when He's talking about the new He's not talking about whatever it is you and I can think of and come up with today, that's not the new. He said at the end of the Bible this is the end, anyone who adds to this Book or takes away from this Book, there's gonna be curses on them.³ We don't get new revelation today. Stop this thing where you see on TV where you put yes, yes, oh, well, I've been told this.

I read of a new "translation" of the Bible here just this last week, be very wary of it – The Passion Translation.⁴ And some guy was given this translation by the angel Passion, it's a farce, you be careful of it, be very wary of it. And He says this angel Passion has given him one more chapter of the book of John but we're not ready for it yet. After all these years evidently there was a part of the Bible missing and this guy is going to bring it to us. That's what can give you a real quick knowledge, we say, "Oh, there's new information." No. It's all in here [HOLDS UP HIS BIBLE] and God's given it to us. Be very, very careful. We live in a time where we need to know the truth or we're going to be pulled away. So whether it's the societal things that are coming up or something that looks like a translation of the Bible, we live in crazy times and again, it goes back to okay, so how am I supposed to know what the truth is?



**But even if we
or an angel from heaven
should preach to you a
gospel contrary to the
one we preached to you,
let him be accursed.
– GALATIANS 1:8 (ESV)**

By the way, two very simple tests—if you're writing it down, you may want to write it down—two simple tests that are ancient lies that you'll face. If you hear these lies be sensitized to these lies, they're both found in Genesis. The first one is found in Genesis 3:1:

"Did God really say . . . "

– GENESIS 3:1b (NIV)

That's what the tempter says to Eve, "Did God really say." So the question is to question God. You say, *Maybe that's not what God meant.* You read it in black and white and someone's sitting there whispering in your ear, *Oh, wow! You know what? That was a cultural thing then, but you know, we're more enlightened today.* Right? Number two: We have science, we have computers, we have all these algorithms, we know that that can't be the case because [INAUDIBLE–AUDIO/VIDEO GLITCH] figured out. Did God really say.

And by the way, the subject of us being sinners is at the forefront front of this lie. If you and I are not sinners then we do not need a Savior and this glorious gospel [INAUDIBLE–AUDIO/VIDEO GLITCH] about that we need Jesus is not the case because we can save ourselves. Which leads me to the second ancient lie: You can be like God. Remember in Genesis 3:5? *Oh, God just knows that if you eat of this, you're going to be like God.*

³ Reference: Revelation 22:18-19 (ESV): I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

⁴ What is The Passion Translation? – <https://www.gotquestions.org/Passion-Translation.html>

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⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

– GENESIS 3:5 (ESV)

And there is a real push along these very lines right now that somehow that we can gain this consciousness, and they'll even use words like *Christ-consciousness*. You'll hear people talking about *breathing in the Spirit of Christ*, that somehow He wasn't God. He was just a great man who did great things who finally attained to some sort of level that the rest of us most of the time don't figure out, but now that we have all of this technology that we're moving towards and now that we have figured out that we're good enough—you've seen the signs, you're enough—now that we've figured out we're enough we don't need God. In fact, breathe Him in, we'll get that same Spirit that He had and we'll become like God – or gods. And it's extremely attractive and many people are chasing it.



When you see, when you hear those things, I mentioned the male/female thing earlier, did God really say, Genesis Chapter 5, verse 2. God made them male and He made them female and He blessed them, but we don't want to admit there is a God—we want to become the god and we think we can control this.

² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

– GENESIS 5:2 (ESV)

Let me wrap up. The premise of what Jesus is trying to bring us here is that now that He is presenting this truth that we are like that head of the household, we are owners of it, we are responsible for it. God never gives us a pass on knowing His truth. He continues to hold—when you hear Jesus talking He goes, "You should have known this"—He continues to hold us responsible for knowing the truth that is in His Book. Here's going to be the deal. I'm hoping that as we bring this series to a close we recognize that if we put our faith and trust in Jesus alone we are actually in the Kingdom now, and yet there is something more yet to come in that that has not been fully realized yet – the thousand-year reign of the Kingdom of Christ. Where Christ comes here on this earth to reign and rule over all things and He's going to set everything right in that moment. Isn't it interesting that where we think we can be like God, we think we've got it figured out better than He does, and we think we understand it and know it more than He does. And so we become our own little gods, or for that matter big gods, and we think we've got it figured out.

So we say, "If I was in charge" – how often do we think that? How often do we hear that? How many times is your leadership authority beat down where you're working because someone else is like, "Well, I know better than he does." Because everyone knows better because they're right, because if they think it they're right, and if you don't think they're right then you're putting them down, and that way you hate them and now you are a hater. We just need to let you go because you're creating a toxic environment and... [EXHAUSTED EXHALE] If we were so enlightened and we had so figured this out, we would right now be in a time of peace.

You see the future Kingdom when Jesus reigns and rules on the earth, what the Scriptures tell us it will be a thousand years of peace because Jesus is God and He is right and He will make sure everything is right. And those of us who are in the Kingdom right now, yes, we are being buffeted by the evil that's around us, but when that eternal Kingdom comes we will get the opportunity to reign and rule with Him. And here ought to be the Aha! moment. *Wait a minute, I don't have to wait for that thousand years to begin, I can be under the authority of the King right now; right now I am in the Kingdom.* That's what He's trying

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to let us know. He's trying to say here's some things that are going on that makes it difficult and some realities that we face in the midst of this, but if you're a follower of Jesus you're in the Kingdom right now. And so what should our response be but to say *Wait a minute, I have a responsibility to know exactly what the King wants and to follow it to the T.* Period.

The Bible tells us that just before Jesus left this earth He said go make disciples.⁵ He said this – teaching them to obey everything, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By the way, that's our responsibility as a church. That's what makes us a church, to do what Jesus told us to do. That's our mission, that's what Jesus told us to do. So we want to teach the truth. We want to be a people digging into that truth, and we believe that it is absolutely important. I need Jesus. I need Him to give me direction so that I follow His truth.

If I say it's true and that's what makes things true, that fails me every time. We've seen science and technology keeps on failing us. We need to have an ancient anchor that we can say, "This is true." And by the way, there is a given point where you have to come up with a premise to say, "This will be my ancient anchor." And that's really up to each one of us to come to that conclusion, but I want to help you in that. In order to live in the Kingdom, to know the King, to know what the King wants, we need to be a people that are knowing the King's truth. So I want to tell you what the next six months of our journey together as Calvary is going to look like because I need you to join in with us.



Starting next week we are going to begin a very short series talking about the church, what it is. There's a little series called I LOVE MY CHURCH. Jesus is the One who had the idea of the church and we're going to talk about that. When Jesus leaves He says go make disciples, teaching them, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—next week we're going to do baptisms. If you want to be in the Kingdom and you want to follow the King, what you want to be is a person that does the next thing that He's told you to do and be obedient to that. I'm going to ask you right now if you have even the slightest thought, if you've never been baptized and you're like, "I know I'm in the Kingdom and I want to follow the Kingdom," let us know this week. Go out to the Blue Wall afterwards, send us an email, let us know you want to get baptized. Come prepared to be baptized next week. If somehow you wake up Sunday morning and go, "I've got to be baptized," come in here planning on being baptized, because as followers of the King we just want to follow the truth that we know and take that next step with the truth that we know.

The other thing He says teaching them to obey, we don't know what to obey if we don't know what truth is, and so starting at the beginning of the school year, I think it's the last Sunday of the month of August, which is just tomorrow, the last Sunday in the month of August we're going to start a series that you all have requested more than anything else I have ever heard requested. A bunch of years [ago] we taught a series on Wednesday nights called DOCTRINE where we shared the major doctrines of the Word of God over a 16-week period of time.⁶ At the end of August we're going to start a series called Core and we are going to go through what God said on each major point and we're going to share that with you. We're going to continue it in our small groups, we're going to continue in men's ministry, we're going to continue it in women's ministry, we're going to just immerse ourselves with the major truths of Scripture. *What did God say about . . .* and we're going to get to know it.

⁵ The Great Commission – see [Matthew 28:16-20](#).

⁶ Transcriber Note: The DOCTRINE series ran January to May 2015. The videos are still available for viewing on [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Transcripts are available [here](#) (scroll down to 2015 DOCTRINE ~ Special Teaching Series).

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In fact, we have invited a number of unbelievable speakers to come in that are going to help us to drill down on it, people that are just incredibly smart who do an amazing job at this. On September 12th we have invited [Alan Shlemon](#) to come in, you may not know who he is, he is a world-renowned apologist, he is going to be speaking to us at that time. On October 17 a gentleman by the name of [Brett Kunkle](#) is coming in, another world-renowned apologist. And then the end of March we're going to be having a Reality Apologetics Conference here with some of the world's finest speakers at it. We want you to have the ability to know the truth that is between these pages and to be a part of what God is doing in your own life so that you can be grounded in the truth of God; so that you can be living in the Kingdom with King Jesus as King and you can be saying, "What do you want me to know? What do you want me to do about this? I want to follow it." And when we know the truth so well, every other religion, every other social construct, every other thing that just happens to ripple through our culture, we will know what to do about it because we know God's truth. And we're just going to be teaching God's truth. This isn't a political, this isn't a social thing, this is about knowing God's truth so we know what to do with everything that is coming our way.

Listen, I'm gonna close in a word of prayer here, and my hope is that you'll become a people just hungry for the truth of God so you know how to live in the Kingdom that He has given us.

I know many of you have come prepared to give. There are offering boxes mounted on the pole right there and right over there [HE POINTS THEM OUT], look for them, they're up a little higher than they used to be. You can give online. Thank you for giving. It's making the possibility of getting the truth of God's Word boldly out to everyone who will listen.

Those of you online, thank you for listening today.

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