

Taking Worship into your Week
7.12.2020 - Gospel DNA #5 Truth

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:11-15

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

John 18:33-38a

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

Talk about one or more of the following with a friend or family member or discuss with someone who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

1. Share something about your faith that you know to be true, but which might not be seen as true by some of your neighbors.
2. See John 17:17. When Jesus uses the term “word,” of what is he speaking? What does “sanctify” mean? How does the word sanctify us?
3. Share a time you were speaking with another Christian and you both were claiming to base a belief of yours on the Bible, and yet you couldn’t agree; why is that? What can you do about that?
4. Why do you think Pilate, in the reading from John, asked Jesus the question “What is truth?” There are several good and right answers. . .
5. What truth does our congregation express and live very well? What truth of God do we really need to work on?